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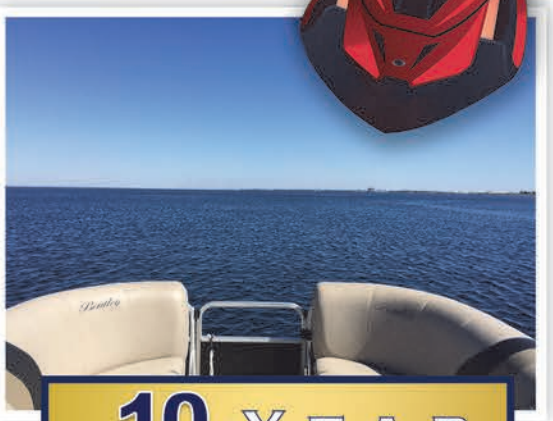
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On Our Cover:



"Happy Hour"
By Pat Z. Roberts
From Arts and Design Society's "On the Menu" Show

Opening Remarks

Your Thoughts and Comments

We got some actual feedback from Beachcomber readers in the last couple weeks (what used to be called "Letters to the Editor"), so I don't have to write anything this issue. Thank God. We always love to hear from you, so email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com,** *and remember…be nice.*

- Editor Manson

I am really loving *Beachcomber* as a fairly new (well, two blissful years) resident. The writers mostly have the fun, whimsical attitude this area deserves, and it just happens to match my goofy heart.

I read your "10 Things" (May 4-17 *Beachcomber*), and number five really cracked me up. I was really paying attention and happen to know about the film screenings and *The Judge.* The $100 prize should get attention, or else you are going to have all your issues scooped up by people with a lot of time on their hands.

I am pleased to tell you that I find very few proofing mistakes, so you must have good people editing and proofreading.

A few thoughts from (the May 4-17) issue:

Carl Hiaasen's United Airlines piece—I had a career in the travel business, so I could write a whole issue on why that man got bumped from the Untied



Editor Manson (center) with Beachcomber Music Award winners Season Ammons and Allen Rayfield at the recent Flow Tribe concert at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin. Jump to page 25 to find out how you can bring Ammons and Rayfield's new album to fruition.

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This Issue's Contributors

Pat Z. Roberts (Cover) has traveled all over the world and served as a teacher's assistant in the Camden, New York, school system for 10 years. Her artwork has been exhibited in New Jersey, Alaska and Florida. She has received numerous awards, and her work can be seen locally at Emerald Coast Gallery and Gifts in Destin and HH Arts in Fort Walton Beach.

Joni Williams (Brew Review) enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too. Most of the time.

Nikki Hedrick (Col. Bruce Hampton), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer, longtime *Beachcomber* contributor and co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment.

Bruce Salmon (Record Roundup) is currently a traveling troubadour—born in New Orleans, but cutting his musical teeth in Austin, Texas. He is working on his third solo recording in New Orleans and Destin, where he's based these days—writing, playing the occasional show, and keeping his momma company. Bruce's mother is the same age as Willie Nelson, and she's still playing organ at Fort Walton Methodist Church.

Samantha Lambert (People) has been back in Florida for seven months now and is really enjoying the weather. She loves interviewing people and writing stories for *Beachcomber*. She also enjoys visiting parts of the area that have grown tremendously since she grew up here in the 1970s.

Kimberly White (Stage) has been an editor and reporter for the last 20 years. She writes about anything that strikes her fancy. She is also a content writer and avid lover of all things German shepherd.

Jane Morgan (Record Roundup) lives in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in Destin. She graduated from New York University, where she studied music branding and criticism.

Chris Leavenworth (Record Roundup) has lived in Northwest Florida his whole life. In addition to his work with Destin Harvest and time spent with his family and his dog, Chris enjoys good conversations, reading books, and writing and playing music. We hope to see him at open mic night soon.

Paula Hilton ("ZUMBA!") is the founder of the Beachcomber Music Award winning comedy troupe Act4Murder. Her latest production, *A Medley for Murder,* debuts May 20 (see Upcoming Shows, page 32).

Kellyanne Bartleson (Family-Friendly Events) is the creator of **EmeraldCoastKids.org,** a comprehensive online resource guide for all things kids, teens and families in Walton and Okaloosa counties.

Marcus DeGagne (Live Music Review) is a multi-instrumentalist from Fort Walton Beach. A three-time Beachcomber Music Award nominee, Marcus currently attends Northwest Florida State College as a Music Production Technology major. He is the bassist for Finga FAYA, runs his own production company (The DeGagne Medium) and leads his own music project, Cosmogony.

Jenna Taylor (Outdoors) is an avid outdoorswoman, content creator and writer. Born and raised in Kentucky, she now lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

Hunter Forbes (Outdoors) is owner and guide at 30A Guide Service and Southern Whitetail Outfitters. He's also a freelance outdoor photographer and lives in Santa Rosa Beach.



Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

flight. And why is he going to be a richer man than his physician practice could ever bring him? I know how to not get bumped, and no one in the news has addressed that, surprisingly.

The Bill O'Reilly piece—I am tempted to write a response to Leonard Pitts Jr. to ask why he and everyone else is ignoring the elephant in the room at Fox News. For years, O'Reilly promoted hot women (albeit smart ones) and asked that they wear dresses with lots of cleavage peering out over those solid-colored tight fabrics.

Maybe now those journalists will have a break with that and see how that look offends reasonable, smart women. (Okay, I know sex sells. And I am a little jealous of them.)

The "Welcome Home" piece—Dick Rynearson (the newly elected Fort Walton Beach mayor) refers to the BP funds that have been approved for FWB. Not sure if they are caught up in what seems to be some very less than attentive lawyers handling some of the cases. Word on the street is the money could be in the bank with a few very high-tempered citizens and not-so-patient politicians.

Some in the state have received their funds. The loudest sometimes come in first.

- Debbie Michel, Santa Rosa Beach (Formerly Atlanta)

One of my jobs is with 30A at Gulf Place. At least five or six times a day, I refer people to your publication and tell them where to pick it up. For people who have never been to the area or the ones with children, *Beachcomber* is the best thing since sliced bread. And I tell them that.

Actually, I refer to it as "my local bible of things to do."

- Jamie Haig, Destin

Eagle Scout in the Making – Destin's Nick Bowyer

In April, Boy Scout Nick Bowyer installed 15 bluebird houses at Destin Water Users' (DWU) George F. French Reclamation Facility. Through this project, Bowyer has completed the final component of his Eagle Scout application.

Bowyer, a member of Boy Scout Association (BSA) Troop 504 in Destin, is a junior at Collegiate High School. Now 17, Bowyer has been a member of the BSA for nine years, having earned numerous badges of merit.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks—Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. To advance, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges.

Upon inquiry with DWU General Manager **Lockwood Wernet,** Bowyer discovered the opportunity to give back through the installation of Bluebird houses on site at the Destin Water Users plant. With the permission of the DWU Board of Directors—and backing by area business including Destin Water Users, Destin United Methodist Church, Warren Averett LLC, Home Depot, and other private donations—Bowyer began the extremely detailed process of writing up the proposal to present to the District Eagle Scout Board Chair for approval.

"We believe that Nick's Eagle Scout project aligns with our mission statement that we live and work in a little piece of paradise, and DWU is intent on doing our part to keep it that way," says Wernet, "The bluebird trail provides habitat to rebuild the bluebird population in our community and it promotes biodiversity in and around our facilities."

After receiving the board's unanimous approval, Bowyer and his team built the 15 bluebird houses, finishing up in just over a month. Bowyer raised all the funds and solicited material donations from local businesses to complete the project.



Bowyer will present all elements of his application to the council for approval.

"Having been born and raised in Destin, it was an honor to have the opportunity to give something back to the company that plays such an important role in our everyday lives," says Bowyer. "Through this project, I have learned and gained immense respect for what Destin Water Users stands for. I was excited to be able to build the 15 bluebird houses to help better the environment by increasing the bluebird population and decreasing pests."

- Jessica Proffitt

Robots Arrive in Fort Walton Beach

Fort Walton Beach Medical Center is the first hospital in the area to offer Stryker's Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Procedures. Robotic-arm assisted surgery is the latest advancement in joint replacement surgery that offers the potential for a higher level of patient-specific implant alignment and positioning.

The technology allows surgeons to create a patient-specific 3D plan and perform joint replacement surgery using a surgeon-controlled robotic-arm that helps the surgeon execute the procedure with a high degree of accuracy.

"Mako is changing the way joint replacement surgeries are performed," says **Mitch Mongell,** CEO of Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. "The incredible precision of Mako technology benefits our patients with a truly custom fit for their joint replacements. We are proud to be the first hospital in the area to use this innovative technology. It is part of our commitment to provide our community with outstanding healthcare."

Dr. Mark Tenholder, a fellowship-trained joint replacement, arthroscopy and sports medicine surgeon, performed the first robotic-assisted knee replacement at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center on May 2, using the Mako™ robot. Dr. Tenholder underwent additional training on this state-of-the-art system, which aids in precision and personalization to create a more normal, healthy joint.

"I am excited to utilize this incredible system and offer this high-tech option to our local and regional patients," says Dr. Tenholder. "Robotic-arm assistance allows me to perform the surgery with less invasive techniques. It aids in both perfect implant placement and soft tissue balancing. The science tells us that this will result in increased patient satisfaction, better function, and improved longevity of the results."

The Mako Partial Knee application is a treatment option designed to relieve the pain caused by joint degeneration due to osteoarthritis that has not yet progressed to all three compartments of the knee. Following the personalized pre-operative plan, the surgeon guides the robotic-arm during bone preparation to execute the pre-determined surgical plan and to position the implant.

By selectively targeting only the part of the knee damaged by osteoarthritis, surgeons can resurface the diseased portion of the knee while helping to spare the healthy bone and ligaments surrounding the knee joint. Studies have shown robotic-arm assisted partial knee replacement to be two to three times more accurate than manual partial knee replacement procedures.

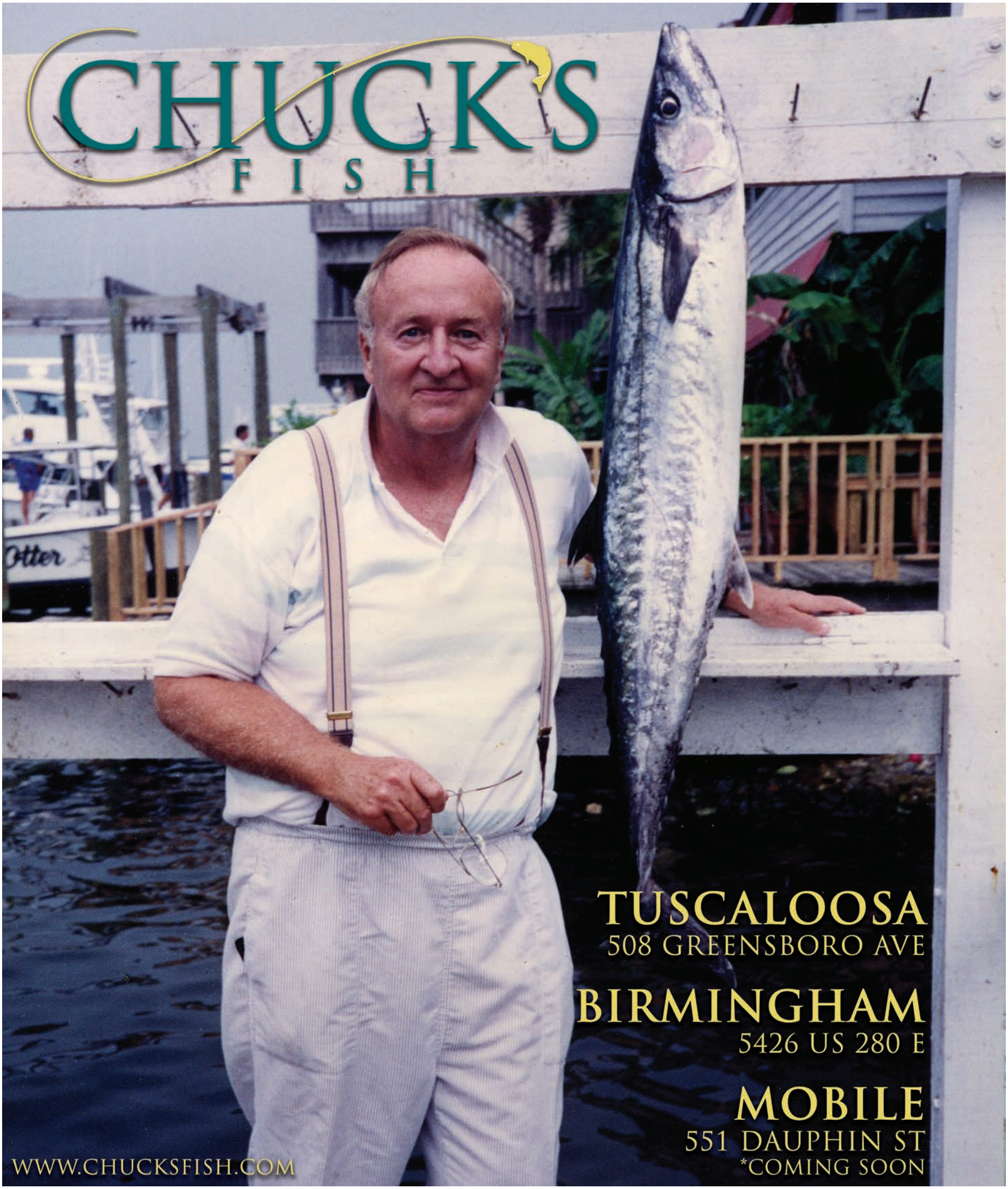
The Mako Total Hip application is a treatment option for adults who suffer from degenerative joint disease of the hip. During surgery, the surgeon guides the robotic-arm during bone preparation to prepare the hip socket and position the implant according to the pre-determined surgical plan.

In cadaveric studies, Mako total hip replacement acetabular cup placement has been shown to be four times more accurate and reproducible than manual total hip replacement procedures.



Information about Mako Robotic Surgery will soon be on FWBMC's website. In the meantime, visit **stryker.com** to learn more.

- Denise Kendust


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Help for the Everglades Is Possibly on the Way

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Cautious praise for the compromise passage of Senate Bill 10 is deserved. Celebration would be foolish.

The fractured Florida Legislature has agreed to fund a deep reservoir for holding polluted discharges from Lake Okeechobee, with the aim of sparing coastal communities from tourism-killing algae blooms and fish kills.

The $1.6 billion reservoir won't be as big as the one sought by Senate President Joe Negron, but it would be big enough to make a difference. And it's way better than nothing, which is what lawmakers in the House were poised to do.

SB 10 calls for the reservoir to be built mostly on state-owned land south of the Everglades Agricultural Area. It would hold about 78 billion gallons of water that would turn over a few times a year—a total substantially less than what's dumped from Lake O during heavy rainy seasons.

But, again, a 14,460-acre reservoir is better than no reservoir.

The project is many years from getting done—and more challenging than simply digging a giant hole in the ground. In theory it would cleanse the dirty lake water before sending it south to the Everglades, but first the lake water needs a dedicated route through the farm fields to the reservoir.

Both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District must agree on a construction plan, and neither agency is famous for moving at warp speed.

The state would pay half the proposed cost of the reservoir, borrowing $800 million, while the rest is supposed to come from the federal government. That means Congress, perpetually in budget turmoil, must approve the project.

Floridians should be wary of getting their hopes up. While state polls show overwhelming public support for land and water conservation, Tallahassee has shown overwhelming indifference.

This year not a single dollar has been budgeted for Florida Forever, a land-preservation program signed into law by Gov. Jeb Bush in 1999 with bipartisan support.

Later generations of legislators have been stripping Florida Forever year by year. Originally funded at $300 million annually, the program shriveled to a pitiful $15.1 million in 2016.

One of the bill's original sponsors was Rep. Lee Constantine, a longtime pro-business Republican. Now a Seminole County commissioner, Constantine recently wrote a guest column in the Orlando *Sentinel* pleading with the GOP-controlled Legislature to make Florida Forever a priority again.

"No one ever moved to Florida because we have the best strip malls," Constantine noted. "It's the idea of living in a perceived paradise with beautiful rivers, springs, beaches, and precious green spaces."

Last week the House passed legislation that would progressively hike funding for Florida Forever through 2035, beginning next year. The sponsor, State Rep. Matt Caldwell of Fort Myers, wants 40 percent of the money spent on the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, which pays agricultural owners not to develop their land.

As of this writing, the state Senate hasn't taken up the Caldwell bill, but it did agree to provide money this year for the rural lands program.

Paying ranchers and farmers not to sell to developers is one way of saving green space from disappearing under concrete, but it's not as permanent as buying critical lands outright.

That was the ambitious mission of Amendment 1, which many probably remember. It was approved in 2014 by a mere 75 percent of Florida voters.

For 20 years the state was supposed to use 33 percent of documentary-stamp taxes on real estate transactions—$700 million to $900 million annually—to "acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands" such as wetlands, forests and wildlife habitat.

Specific attention was to be paid to protecting the water quality of rivers, streams, beaches, and lakes, presumably including that huge one named Okeechobee.

What happened to all that money? Excellent question.

With a casual disdain for the words on the ballot and the will of the voters, the Legislature has been bleeding Amendment 1 to buy state vehicles, pay salaries, and cover other expenses that normally come from general revenue.

A lawsuit filed by Earthjustice on behalf of several environmental groups alleges that the state wrongly diverted about $308 million of the $713 million available for land-buying and conservation in fiscal 2015-2016.

The case is headed for trial, and probably the state Supreme Court.

Those high hopes that so many Floridians once had for Amendment 1 have faded bitterly, and now provide a lesson for how we should react to Senate Bill 10.

Don't celebrate. Keep the heat on those sneaky bastards..

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OAA Names Student Art Winners

The Okaloosa Arts Alliance thanks all of the Okaloosa County students that participated in the eighth annual OAA Okaloosa County School Poster Contest.

Although we were not able to make everyone a first place winner, all 241 entries were on display at the OAA Poster Reception May 6 at the Young Philosophers Society in downtown Fort Walton Beach.

Participating schools included Rocky Bayou Christian School in Niceville and Destin, Crestview High School, Liza Jackson Preparatory School, Walker Elementary School, Florosa Elementary, Edge Elementary, Destin Middle School, Max Bruner Jr. Middle School, NFL Ballet Academie, Baker School, Northwood Elementary, Lotus Learning & Arts Center, Shalimar Elementary, Davidson Middle School, Northwest Florida Collegiate High School and Pryor Middle School.

Each first place winner received a $75 gift card, generously donated by Eglin Federal Credit Union. Second place winners received $50 gift cards from Destin Target, and third place winners got $25 gift cards from Walmart in Niceville.

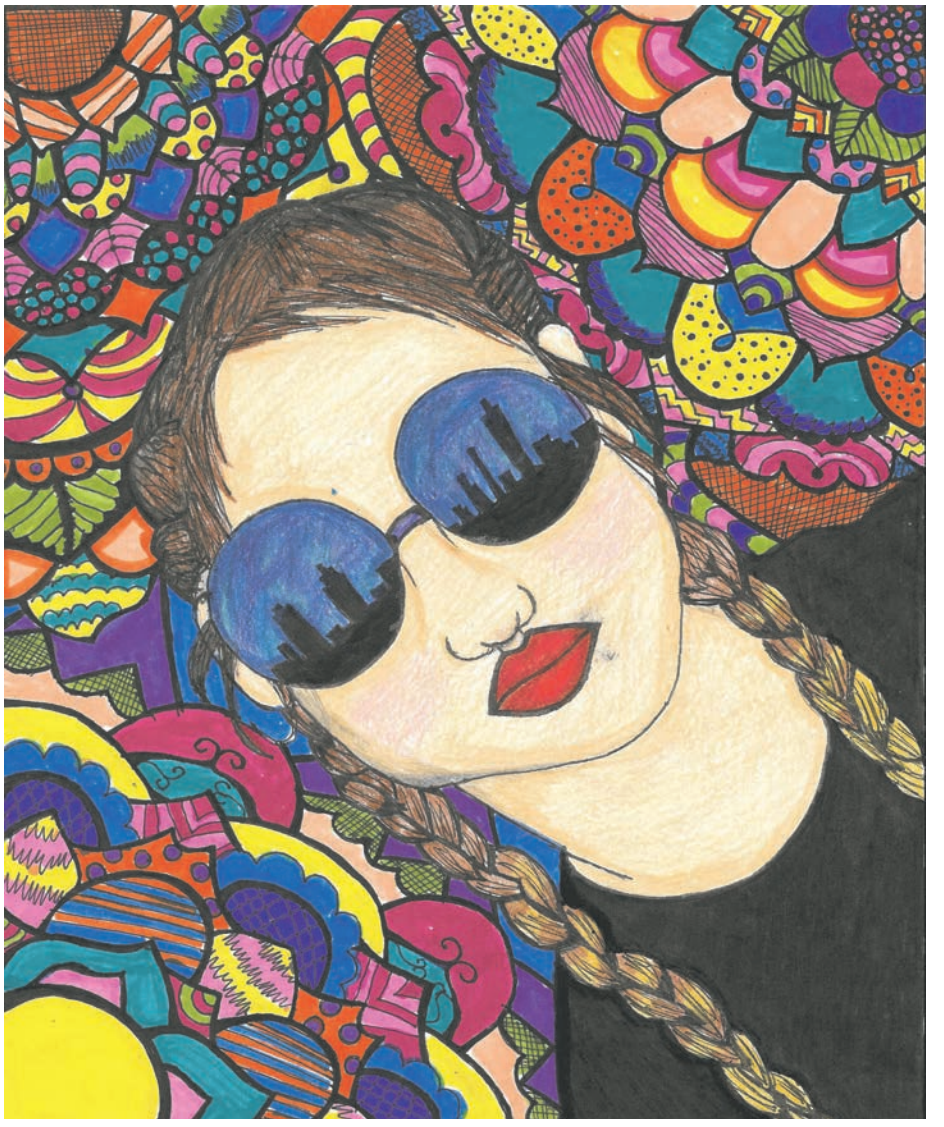
Winners and honorable mentions are as follows:

Elementary (K-4)
First Place – **Gracie Bridges,** 4th Grade, Walker Elementary School
Second Place – **Evdokia Watkins**, 4th Grade, Northwest Florida Ballet Academie
Third Place – **Sophia E Russo,** 2nd Grade, Florosa Elementary School
Honorable Mention – **Tae Kim, Theodore Masino, Jaren McKee, Maggie Hall, Elijah Lindsay, Lexi Schrand**

Middle (5-7)
First Place – **Abi Copeland,** 7th Grade, Rocky Bayou Christian School, Niceville
Second Place – **Briana Romero,** 5th Grade, Shalimar Elementary School
Third Place – **Kaitlyn Bowler,** 7th Grade, Davidson Middle School
Honorable Mention – **Christian McKee, Jessica Kamburelis, Shawneen Todd, Jasmine Thai, AJ Brainerd, Emerson Fitzwilliams**

High School (8-12)
First Place – **Kylie Little,** 9th Grade, Crestview High School
Second Place, **Monthita Rasee,** 11th Grade, Crestview High School
Third Place – **Jonathan Kattine,** 12th Grade, Northwest Florida Collegiate High School
Honorable Mention – **Ashanti Martin, Desirae Chapman, Addison Sanders, Trace Kerrell**

- Amy Baty



Crestview High School student Kylie Little's award-winning art.

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

AMUSE ART STUDIO, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is $20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. **rosalynogrady.com.**

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is $80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is $12 ($10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is $70 ($60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is $85 ($70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is $7 ($5 for ADSO members).

Thursdays. Watercolor Painting with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Beginner through advanced. Bring your own supplies—list provided in the ADSO office. Cost is $85 per month ($70 for ADSO members).

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

June 2-4. Wet Carved Concrete with Elder Jones, 6-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-noon Sunday. Cost of the three-day workshop is $300 ($275 for ADSO members). Students will make planters or small sculptures. Call or visit the ADSO website for supplies. More at **sandpudding.com.**

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit **emeraldcoastartgallery.com** for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit **fullcirclefwb.com** for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is $35.

HH ARTS, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register.

May 25. Driftwood/Sea Glass Mobile with Teddie Ciudad-Real, 10 a.m.-noon (or until you're finished). Cost is $35 and supplies are included, but bring an apron if you like. Make your own one-of-a-kind, but make your reservation now as space is very limited.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 a.m. All ages classes at 11 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at $85, kids at $40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH MAY 19. NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FACULTY ART EXHIBIT AT MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER GALLERIES, NICEVILLE
Featuring stunning nature photography, paintings and other works by the college's art faculty. Call 850-729-6044 or email **ArtGalleries@nwfsc.edu** for more information.

THROUGH MAY 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
The abstract realism of **Kimberly Heartsong** is in the spotlight this month.

THROUGH MAY 31. LORRAINE SLOAN EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
Sloan's work has been exhibited at the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's Festival of the Arts, the Foster Gallery, and many others.

Art

THROUGH MAY 31. PAUL G. HEARON EXHIBIT AT FORT WALTON BEACH LIBRARY
The Choctawhatchee High School graduate and Fort Walton Beach resident says, "I have been blessed with a knack for art and seeing most things in a different light."

THROUGH JUNE 2. ADSO'S "ON THE MENU" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
Art inspired by what's on the menu or restaurant happenings in general. Call 850-244-1271 or visit **artsdesignsociety.org** for more information.

THROUGH JUNE 2. THERESIA McINNIS EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY
Retired educator McInnis specializes in watercolors, and you may have seen her award-winning Destin Seafood Festival poster art back in 2015. More at **theresiamcinnis.com.**

MAY 19-21. DIGITAL GRAFFITI AT ALYS BEACH
Celebrating its 10th year, the event attracts digital artists, filmmakers, musicians, interactive designers, photographers, VJs, producers, celebrities and more from around the world. Visit **digitalgraffiti.com** or call 850-213-5500 for more info.

MAY 24. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
This month's guest is artist, gallery owner and Licensed Clinical Social Worker **Julia Vanover.** The topic of discussion is "The Importance of Creativity for Smart People." Cost of the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m., is $12 if you email **adsorsvp@gmail.com** or call 850-376-3901 by Monday, **May 22.** See more of Vanover's work at **kinddesignfineart.com.**

OPENS MAY 30. "TALES AND MYTHS: THE PAINTINGS OF KATHERINE ACE" AT MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER GALLERIES, NICEVILLE
The exhibition of works by Portland, Oregon-based artist Ace takes familiar and not-so-familiar fairy tales and retells them in large-scale mixed-media paintings. The exhibition is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 90 minutes prior most Mainstage Theater performances. Through **July 22** in the McIlroy and Holzhauer Galleries. Call 850-729-6044 for more info.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

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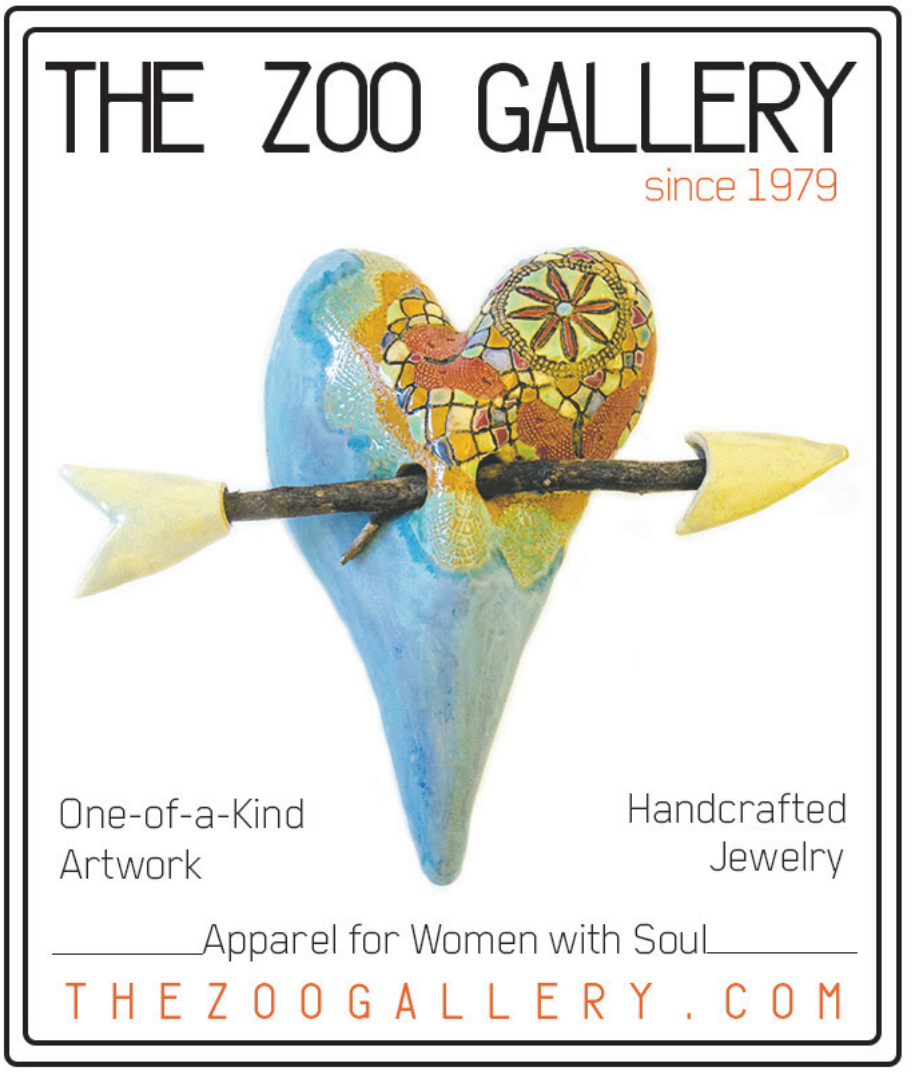
EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at **emeraldcoastartgallery.com** for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and **Jennifer Viaene** and other featured artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. **www.fullcirclefwb.com.**

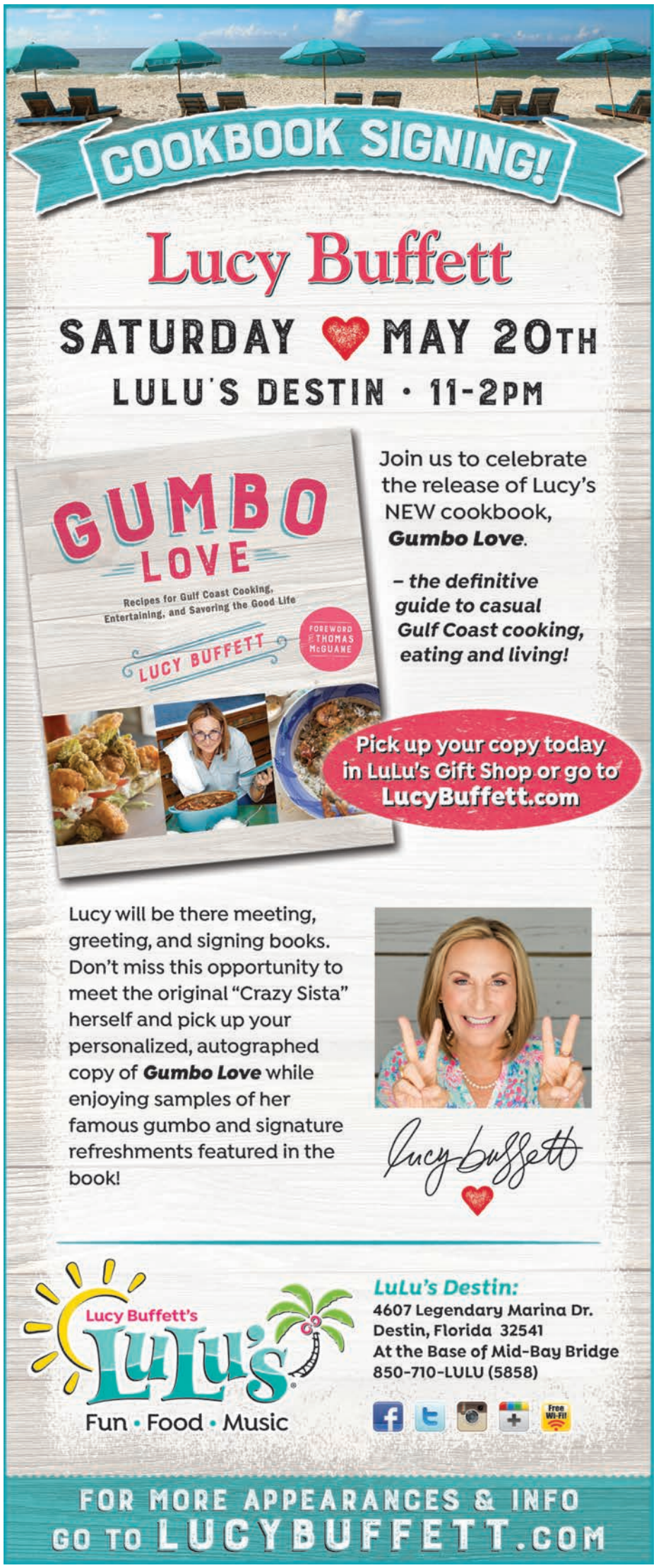
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MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. **MaryHongStudio.com.**







Art

ADSO's "On the Menu" Show



Hanna Joensuu's "Wine Jug" took second place in the Arts and Design Society's "On the Menu" show. Additional honors went to Rick Otoupalik for his e-painting "In Every Pot" (first place), Theresia McInnis' "Cool Fish" (third place), and Maria Rudzki's "Fruit Kabob" (honorable mention). The exhibit runs through June 2 at the Art Center Gallery in Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit **www.mattiekellyartscenter.org** or call 850-729-6044.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

The Arts and Design Society is calling all artists to participate in their upcoming "What's in the Constitution" show, in which artwork inspired by a phrase from the United States Constitution, must have that phrase appear in the artwork. Cash awards. Turn in work Saturday, **June 24,** 1-4 p.m., and Monday, **June 26,** 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is $35 for two pieces ($25 for ADSO members). A copy of the entry form with details is available at **artsdesignsociety.org.** Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) announces a call for artists for its 22nd Annual Festival of the Arts, to be held **Oct. 28 and 29** throughout the grounds of the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin. Artist applications and poster competition entries are now being accepted. The winning design for the official poster competition will become the signature artwork reproduced on festival t-shirts, posters, marketing collateral and specialty merchandise, and will be prominently displayed on the cover of the official Festival of the Arts guide with a distribution of more than 30,000.

In addition, a $500 cash prize will be awarded to the winning artist's design. The artist entry and poster contest application deadline is **June 26.** Artist applications, entry forms and rules of participation at **MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org.**

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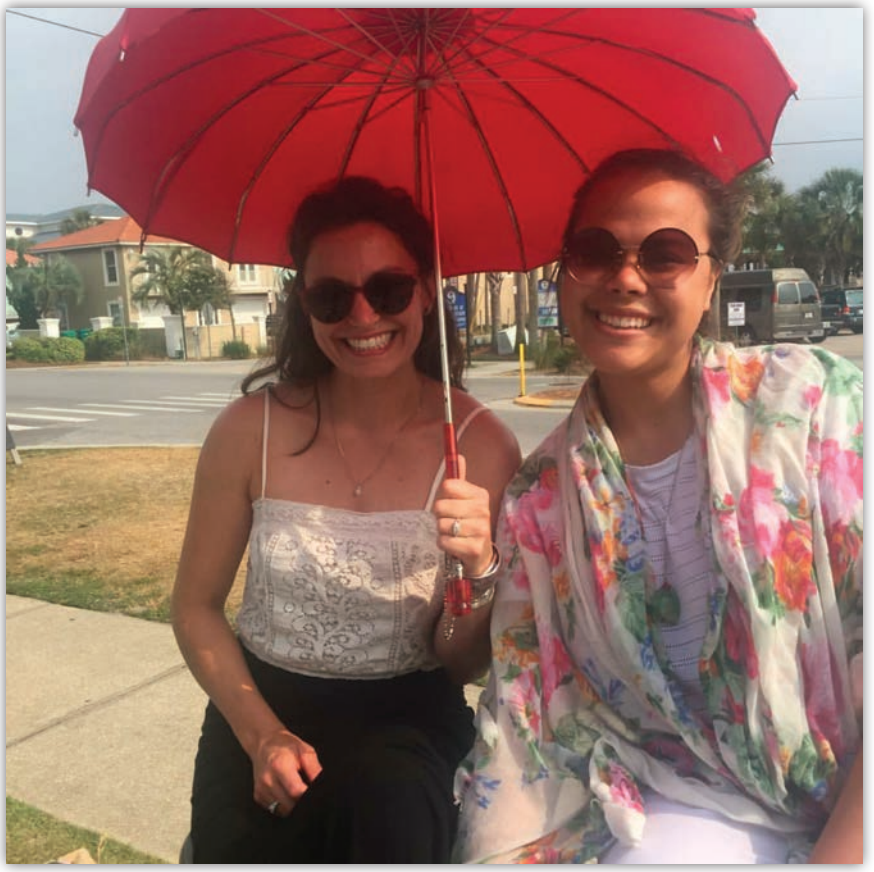
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Beachcomber Publisher (among other things) Charles Morgan III with Senator Bill Nelson at Harbor Docks in Destin. "There are only 100 of them (U.S. senators)," says Morgan. "And not many good ones."



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Is it too early in the day to be thinking about adult beverages?



@danettebenton

Just another (yawn) beautiful day at the beach.

Remembering (and Celebrating) Col. Bruce Hampton

By Nikki Hedrick

Something magical happened as I was compiling a few local stories about the late Col. Bruce Hampton. Common threads appeared that made it easier to understand why he was so loved. His generosity of spirit and playful nature often take center stage over his music, although the music is never far behind.

Mark Thomas, drummer for the ScratchTones, found Hampton's music by chance. At 16, a friend picked up a Col. Bruce Hampton and Aquarium Rescue Unit album on the basis of the cover art alone.

On the way to a party, Thomas and his friend listened to the album. "I was absolutely blown away, as well as a little confused," says Thomas. "I had never heard anything like this or ever would. This was not only an album but a moment of musicians performing as if their lives depended on it. It was like a nuclear bomb being dropped on everything I knew or considered music…or art."



The late great Col. Bruce, seated at far left, with Dread Clampitt…



…and the Moon Lagoons' Mike Ingram.

It's safe to say that a lasting mark was left, yet some years later there would be another chapter added. Thomas' band was slated to open for the man himself.

"I got there early, set up for sound check, and heard that Bruce's guitar was lost on the flight," says Thomas. "I took a beater guitar that local blues musician Mike Zito had sold me for $100 in case Bruce needed something for soundcheck. I go into the club with the guitar, walk up to Bruce feeling a bit nervous, introduce myself and offer the guitar for him to use.

"He was very warm and kind and loved the guitar. I mean, *he loved this guitar* and wouldn't stop talking about it. It was used it for the soundcheck, and then the promoters came in with a top of the line Paul Reed Smith for Bruce compliments of Guitar Center. But Bruce wasn't interested in the PRS—he wanted to use my guitar for the gig and everyone, including myself, was confused.

"We played great, I got to hang out with my musical hero, and he played my shitty $100 guitar."

"The world is a lesser place without him," says **Scott Rockwood.** "When I was introduced to Bruce five or six years ago, the first thing he said to me was the date of my birthday, accurately, with no prior reason to have known it. He was the kind of person that gives you faith that there's a little more to everything than meets the eye."

Mike Ingram's first Col. Bruce Hampton experience was nearly 10 years ago at the former location of Graffiti and the Funky Blues Shack in the Village of Baytowne Wharf. "I just remember him not only playing amazing music, but he was cracking everyone up that was watching his band," says Ingram. "Nothing but good vibes. He made the venue feel very homey and full of joy."

Ashley Feller shares: "He's responsible for the growth of a multitude of musicians, and I know it was a privilege to have witnessed him perform numerous times."

Donnie Sundal performed with Hampton at the Hub 30A in early April. "Bruce was one of the most interesting and goodhearted humans of all time," says Sundal. "His sense of humor and sixth sense were unparalleled."

Perhaps **Marisol Irizarry Gerth** sums it up best. "Every show was unique, special, and a magical experience for your ears and your soul. I'm just grateful for the music he has left us with."

Thank you, Col. Bruce Hampton, for the music. And the river of warm memories you cultivated everywhere you went.

Beachcomber Profiles* — Jordan Ballantyne



HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Georgia.

PROFESSION: Musician.

AGE: 28.

HOBBIES: Music is my hobby. Who has time for anything else when there is always new music to learn?

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Becoming a full-time musician was always a goal of mine, so I'm happy to have achieved that. I am currently working on original music and hope to transition to a more original setlist.

PROFILE: We moved to the area when I was seven, and I grew up in Santa Rosa Beach. As a kid, I attended Faith Assembly Church where every Sunday I would hear Donnie Sundal, Shannon Wallace, Tom DeVoursney, Phil Calhoun and all of the local greats play.

For my 10th birthday, I got my first guitar. Phil and Norma Calhoun are great friends with Jeff Cook (guitarist for the band Alabama) who had his own line of guitars for kids. My parents took me to Jeff's house in Destin with Phil and Norma, where I met Jeff and received my first guitar, a green electric "Stinger" with amp. Jeff taught me my first guitar chord—a G.

When I was 13, I started taking lessons from Tom DeVoursney and loved every second of it I practiced constantly and couldn't wait for my lessons every week. A few years later, I started playing in Faith Assembly's early service band and sitting in with Tom at his local gigs.

When I was 17, my dad moved back to Scotland. At 18, I headed across the Atlantic where I would spend every winter for the next five or six years traveling all over Scotland and Northern England and busking on Buchanan Street in Glasgow. Mostly for beer money.

I worked at a local restaurant in Destin for 10 years to pay the bills while still concentrating on music because I knew that was what I wanted to do for a living. In early 2016, I met Brandon Day and we became friends instantly. He let me sit in on a few of his gigs, and with his help, I was able to start playing at local venues full-time.

Now, more than a year later, I'm still gigging and I love every minute of it. All of the musicians in this area are incredibly supportive of each other, and I am very grateful to all of them that have helped me along the way.

QUOTE: "Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent" – Victor Hugo

FAVORITE FREE PUBLICATION: *Beachcomber,* what else?

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UPCOMING JORDAN BALLANTYNE GIGS

Thursday, May 18
Kenny D's, Destin
7 p.m.

Friday, May 19
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7 p.m.

Saturday, May 20
AJ's Oyster Shanty, Okaloosa Island
3-7 p.m.

Sunday, May 21
Helen Back, Niceville
2-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 25
Vinnie McGuire's, Destin
6-8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 26
Smokin' Oasis, Navarre Beach
6-9 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
Angler's, Okaloosa Island
7-11 p.m.

Sunday, May 28
Helen Back, Niceville
2-6 p.m.



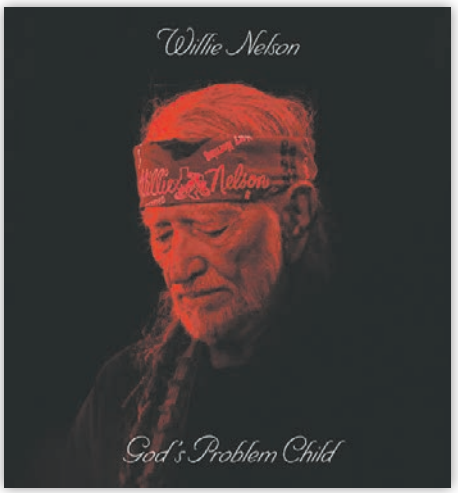
Music > Beachcomber's Record Roundup

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Willie Nelson

God's Problem Child

Legacy Recordings



Beachcomber requested that I submit a review of Willie's new album, and since I'm not known as a music critic, I'm gonna presume that my perspective as a transplanted Texan in Walton County might be the reason.

As I was entering Big Bend in west Texas last week, I saw notice that a tune penned by Mark Sherrill and Sonny Throckmorton, "Butterfly," was on the new Willie release. I pushed play and was immediately overwhelmed at the pure Willieness of the track. It's a loving, esoteric ballad, with Mickey Raphael's unmistakable harmonica playing and the unmistakable tone of Willie's fingers on Trigger. I immediately pulled over and downloaded the entire album to use as a soundtrack for my entry into the wilds of the Big Bend. The further I got off I-10, the more at home I felt, and the more Willie's new tunes felt like a warm welcome home.

This is Willie's 61st studio album and a true expression of a musical giant facing his own mortality. He sings about going home to a "Little House On The Hill" and comes to terms with the body not keeping up with the mind on "Old Timer" and "It Gets Easier." He sings of "True Love" and "A Woman's Love" with a perspective of wisdom only a man who has lived his life fully can share. Alison Krauss' beautiful harmonies add another layer to a number of the tracks.

"Still Not Dead," perhaps one of the funniest Willie songs I've ever heard, reflects his own amazement and gratitude for waking up to greet another day and pokes fun at the premature death rumors that thrive on the internet these days. Likewise, "Delete And Fast Forward" presents a template for navigating the information overload age, playfully preparing for the end of times.

On the title track, Leon Russell, Tony Joe White and Jamey Johnson face up to past transgressions in a delicious slow blues. Hearing Leon's voice one more time brought a tear to my eyes and filled my heart with gratitude for his music. And Willie's picking is particularly stellar on this one.

Willie winds up the session with a tribute to his dear friend Merle Haggard, "He Won't Ever Be Gone." As he sings of their deep musical friendship, Willie could easily be referring to his own legacy. We are left facing the sad fact that Willie won't be here in his corporeal form forever, but his music will live on.

God's Problem Child is one more jewel in the American musical canon. God bless you, Willie, and from the bottom of my musical heart, thank you.

- Bruce Salmon

Blondie

Pollinator

BMG



When you've been creating music for more than four decades, the challenge with each new album is deciding whether to stick to well-traveled paths or stretch your creative wings. Blondie takes a thoughtful, middle-of-the-road approach. A few new pop trends, trendsetters and unexpected creative choices are liberally sprinkled through *Pollinator* while never completely drifting from the new wave that propelled Debbie Harry and Blondie into icon territory.

- Nikki Hedrick

Feist

Pleasure

Universal

Pleasure, Feist's first album in six years, finds the Canadian singer-songwriter deeply in touch with herself both emotionally and musically. These delicate, nuanced songs explore searching and settling, keeping secrets and telling them, tenderness and strength. The sugary infectiousness of Feist's earlier hits is purposefully



absent on this record. In its place are surprising moments of bold rock and, more often, stunning whispery ballads with informal choirs and field recordings to match the organic ways through which Feist considers love and growth. *Pleasure* is a beautiful guidebook for finding the extremes of our emotional selves, and learning to be content with them.

- Jane Morgan

Casey Kearney

Faster

Independent



Full of twang and heart, Kearney finds her niche as a down-home gal who sticks to classic country elements while bringing humor and a dash of style to the table. This country songbird is a welcome new voice in Beachcomberland.

- Nikki Hedrick

Diana Krall

Turn Up the Quiet

Verve

I bought my first Krall record in the late 1990s; I haven't missed one since. It's been interesting to follow her as she's moved from modest but polished tributes to Nat King Cole and the Great American Songbook, into bigger combos, more jazzed-up arrangements, and efforts to turn her into some sort of Canadian sex-kitten (check out the cover photo of *Glad Rag Doll*—Ms. Krall



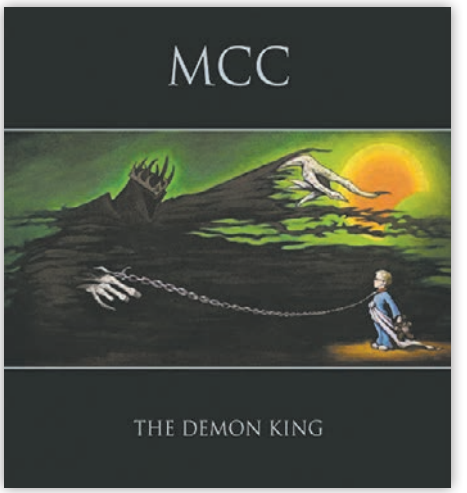
does *not* look comfortable). On *Turn Up the Quiet* (much more subdued cover photo), she returns to the basics that made her great—warmly self-possessed takes on classics, with added assurance and maturity.

- Bruce Collier

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The Demon King

Lovely

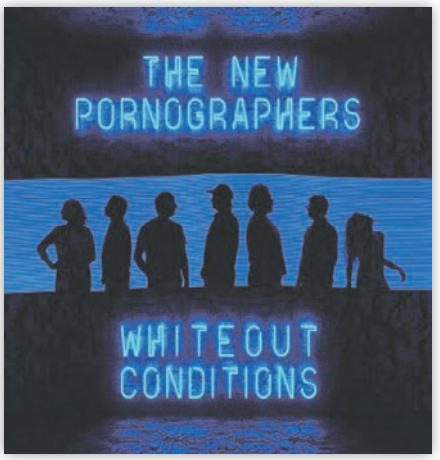


There is an incredible back-story to this EP, and it implies the reformation of the supremely talented Swedish rock band Ghost. That band has won numerous Grammy Awards, has a cult following all over the world, and all the members have remained virtually anonymous since 2009. Martin Persner, Ghost's lead guitarist, revealed himself earlier this year and announced his departure from the band and the return of Magna Carta Cartel. *The Demon King* includes Persner, his brother Arvid on drums, and Par Glendor on guitar and synth. Two tracks, "Sway" and "Turn," are re-recordings with new lyrics, and both sound better than ever. "Jennifer" is a haunting psychedelic ballad that sounds like something straight out of the '70s. The whole EP recalls Pink Floyd, and Persner's writing and playing remind me of David Gilmour. The band refers to their music as "magic rock." If this is what we get in lieu of Ghost, it's not a bad deal.

- Chris Leavenworth

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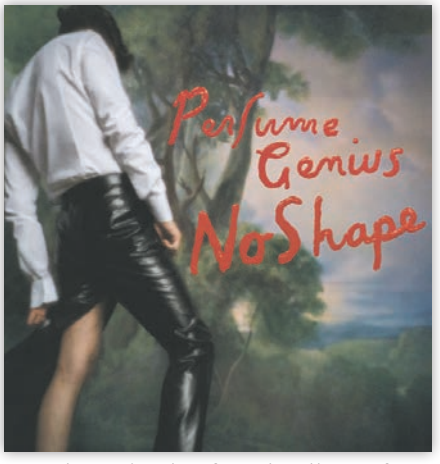
The New Pornographers
Whiteout Conditions
Concord Records



Dan Bejar's quirky influence may be noticeably MIA, but that doesn't mean the New Pornos' latest album isn't good. *Whiteout Conditions* oozes high energy, along with plenty of synths and harmonies in a style that has come to define yet another wave of the poppy alt-rock trend. Immediately out of the gate, the album opens with its best songs—"Play Money," "Whiteout Conditions," "High Ticket Attractions" and "This Is The World of The Theatre." Those alone are worth the price of admission, but that's not to say the remaining seven aren't ear ticklers.

- Joni Williams

Perfume Genius
No Shape
Matador



No Shape is the fourth album from Mike Hadreas, who records and performs his dynamic and distorted pop under the moniker Perfume Genius. Hadreas' work has always been intrinsically tied to his identity as a feminine, gay man with a chronic illness, seeing him searching for and finding confidence and catharsis within himself. Through a navigation of his queerness and physicality in contemporary America, *No Shape* ultimately becomes a statement of transcendent love with Hadreas' boyfriend and bandmate Alan Wyffels. *No Shape* takes self-reflection and relief to a new level, easily becoming Hadreas' most immediately affecting and complete release to date.

- Jane Morgan

Smoke Mountain
Smoke Mountain
Independent



This Tallahassee band's debut is a jewel. The three-song EP is about heavy and low doom metal. The trio is led by a female vocalist, and her clear tones blend beautifully with layers of fuzz. With a debut this strong, you can only imagine the sonic power that Smoke Mountain will continue to amass.

- Nikki Hedrick

Trombone Shorty
Parking Lot Symphony
Blue Note



New Orleans multi-instrumentalist Trombone Shorty (a/k/a Troy Andrews) debuts on Blue Note with *Parking Lot Symphony*. That he can do pretty much anything is evidenced by the album's notes—Shorty is credited on "trombone, trumpet, tuba, vocals, guitar, piano, Rhodes, Wurtlizer, Hammond B-3, drums, percussion, snare, tom-toms, glockenspiel, vibraphone." The album starts out sounding like Track One of a packaged Big Easy score, but quickly jumps the track, stopping at funk, straight-up Motown and even dipping into vaguely soul-jazz quotes. If you don't think you like what you're hearing, wait a minute. Mr. Andrews will be making another stop soon.

- Bruce Collier

Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** to have your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5-p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9-p.m.

FUDPUCKER'S, Okaloosa Island, fudpucker.com
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7-p.m. ($10)

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
GRAYTONES, 9-p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 5-8-p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 5-p.m.
Look for Nikki Hedrick's review of Kearney's Faster *in this issue's Record Roundup.*

HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf
THE MOON LAGOONS, 6-p.m.

THE HANDLEBAR, Pensacola
LIMBS – VAGRANTS – MIND MELT, 9-p.m. ($7)

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10-p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
STEVIE HALL, 7-p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5-p.m.

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
FOUNTAIN CITY PLAYERS, 7-p.m. ($15, Children 12 and Under FREE)
Concerts in the Village

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6-p.m.
MARI GLEASON, 9-p.m.
DJ CHARLES, 10-p.m.-2-a.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
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RICK'S CRAB TRAP, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6-p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTY GOAT SALOON, Panama City Beach
THOMAS DRIVE, 7-p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8-p.m.-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
CONTINUUM, 6-9-p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
SPUTZY, 6-9-p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
SCOTT ROCKWOOD, 5-6-p.m.
Bubbly Baytowne

FRIDAY, MAY 19

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7-p.m.
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8-p.m.-Midnight

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
SHENANIGANS, 8-p.m.-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TONI DRAGO, 3-5-p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9-p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
COWBOY MOUTH, 7-p.m.

FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 6-8-p.m.
Concerts on the Landing, presented by 102.1 "The Wave" radio.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 9-p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
A SUNDAY FIRE – JOSH SEDOR – ADMIRAL BLUES, 9-p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
LEO STOKES, 4-7-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9-p.m.
FIVE O'CLOCK CHARLIE, 9-p.m.-1-a.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
FINGA FAYA, 4-7-p.m.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6-p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7-p.m.

Live Music

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30-p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6-p.m.

PROPS BREWERY, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 7-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN AND 30A AMIGOS, 7:30-p.m.

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com
JEFF BLACK, 7:30-p.m. ($25)
Contemporary folk troubadour Black was profiled in our May 4-17 issue.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 1-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

TAILFINS, Destin
SHANE RUSSELL, HAIRICANE, 10-p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9-p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
ROB ROMANS, 6-p.m.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO, Destin
SPUTZY, 7-10-p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

AJ'S, Destin
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 6-p.m.

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
BOUKOU GROOVE, 9-p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 2-6-p.m.
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 7-11-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
SHENANIGANS, 8-p.m.-Midnight

BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island
DIKI ROSS, 1-p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6-p.m.

BROTULA'S, Destin
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
ACTION DOUG, 3-5-p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
MARI GLEASON, 1-p.m.

4C BBQ, DeFuniak Springs
OFF THE WALL BAND, 7-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
JJ THAMES, 9-p.m.
Thames is a powerful and multi-faceted vocalist fronting a tight six-piece (with horns) New Orleans and Mississippi-based band, shaking up a soulful-southern-garage-rock 'n roll cocktail built on a strong foundation of blues and funk. Her latest album, Raw Sugar, *is a must—comparisons to Tina Turner, Etta James, Janis Joplin and Koko Taylor are not unfounded. More at* **iamjjthames.com.**

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DANNY McNEIL, 4-7-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
KEVIN CARSON, 5-9-p.m.
FIVE O'CLOCK CHARLIE, 9-p.m.-1-a.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
HONEY ISLAND SWAMP BAND, 11:15-p.m.

IMOGENE THEATRE, Milton
THE TRUTH FEATURING CAT RHODES, 7-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
WEBB DALTON, 5-p.m.

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville, MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
LARRY WENG, 7:30-p.m.
Acclaimed New York pianist performs in the Tyler Recital Hall. Tickets are $20 at the box office and online, or call 850-729-6000.

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin
JAN PATTON AND KENNY LANGE – JEFF AND THE CAMAROS – BT TURNER – JERRY DIAZ AND HANNA'S REEF, Noon
The Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club's Tailgates Down, PHriends All Around *fundraiser for Children in Crisis. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 day of event. More at* **ecparrotheads.org.**

THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6-p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com
KIM RICHEY, 7:30-p.m. ($25)
Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Richey will tug at your heartstrings. Don't miss this show.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

TAILFINS, Destin
SHANE RUSSELL – HAIRICANE, 10-p.m.

THE TANK, Valparaiso
FILMORE DRIVE, 10-p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
GROUP THERAPY, 7-p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10-p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8-p.m.
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6-p.m.
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9-p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8-p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8-p.m.-Midnight

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9-p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10-a.m.-Noon

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BOB CUSHING, 5-9-p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabIslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 1-p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11-a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MATT McCARTY's Jazz Jam, 7-10-p.m.

HELEN BACK AGAIN, Crestview
RFS, 9-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 6-10-p.m.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE, HarborWalk Village
DERRICK DORSEY, 9-p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3-p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
THE PARKS BROTHERS, 1-p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5-p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
HOPE GIVEN, 11-a.m.-2-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11-a.m.-3-p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11-a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11-a.m.-2-p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
CRACKER – THE WHISKEY GENTRY – CHAINSAW KELLY, 7-p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 22

AJ'S, Destin
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9-p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 5-9-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8-p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10-p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11-p.m.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

MAY 19

Selwyn Birchwood, *Pick Your Poison*
Peter Cetera, *The Very Best of Peter Cetera*
DragonForce, *Reaching Into Infinity*
Erasure, *World Be Gone*
Faith Evans and the Notorious B.I.G., *The King & I*
Left Lane Cruiser, *Claw Machine Wizard*
Little Steven, *Soulfire*
Los Straitjackets, *What's So Funny 'Bout Peace, love & Los Straitjackets* (Also on Vinyl)
Lyle Lovett, *Greatest Hits*
Low Cut Connie, *Dirty Pictures (part 1)*
Matisyahu, *Undercurrent*
The Mountain Goats, *Goth*
Chris Price, *Stop Talking*
Rascal Flatts, *Back to Us*
Snoop Dogg, *Neva Left*
Wavves, *You're Welcome*

MAY 26

Bad Company, *Run With the Pack* and *Burnin' Sky (Deluxe Editions)*
Bobby Bare, *Things Change*
The Beatles, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (50th Anniversary Edition)* (Alson on Vinyl)
The Beau Brummels, *The Very Best of the Beau Brummels: The Complete Singles*
Danzig, *Black Laden Crown*
Justin Townes Earle, *Kids in the Street*
New Earth Army, *Rebirth*
Jaco Pastorius, *Truth, Liberty & Soul – Live in NYC: The Complete 1982 NPR Jazz Alive! Recording*
Patent Pending, *Other People's Greatest Hits*
The Rolling Stones, *Ole Ole Ole! A Trip Across Latin America* (DVD/Blu-ray)
Mark Slaughter, *Halfway There*

Sources: pauseandplay.com

Live Music

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5-p.m.

PEG LEG PETE'S, Pensacola Beach
RICHARD MADDEN, 6-p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 6-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
KATAKLYSM – IN FLAMES, 6-p.m.

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL, DeFuniak Springs
WALTON COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND, 6:30-p.m.
The band's first ever concert.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

AJ'S, Destin
LEX AND THE LUTHORS, 7-p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JOHN HOORMANN, 5-9-p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5-p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Open Mic Night with MIKE INGRAM, 8-p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
THE ADARNA, 10-p.m.

GULFSIDE PAVILLION, Pensacola Beach
MODERATE CHOP, 7-p.m.
Bands on the Beach

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10-p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
THE WIDE OPEN, 6-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5-p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
CONTINUUM, 5-7-p.m.
Pop & Shop Concerts

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8-p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10-p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
BUBBA SPARXXX, 7-p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

AJ'S, Destin
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 4-p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9-p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8-p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6-p.m.

CABANA CAFÉ, Miramar Beach
SPUTZY, 7-11-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5-p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9-p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 9-p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailin' Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10-p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
STEVIE HALL, 7-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5-p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6-p.m.

PEG LEG PETE'S, Pensacola Beach
ADAM HOLT, 6-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8-p.m.-Midnight

Doo Wop Under the Stars at NWF State College May 27



Enjoy a blast from the past Saturday, **May 27,** with the **Cornell Gunter Coasters** in a concert under the stars at the Northwest Florida State College Amphitheater in Niceville. The event is co-sponsored by the Niceville-Valparaiso Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Cornell Gunter Coasters will delight fans both young and old with Coasters classics like "Poison Ivy," "Yakety Yak," "Young Blood," "Searchin'," "Charlie Brown" and many more. The concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance or at the gate. Gates open at 6 p.m.

"Following the success of last summer's concert with the Drifters, we wanted to bring back another event with the iconic sounds of the 1950s and 1960s," says Mattie Kelly Arts Center Director **Jeanette Shires.**

Contact the Mattie Kelly Arts Center Box Office at 850-729-6000 or purchase online at **MattieKellyArtsCenter.org.**

Food vendors and beverages (including beer) will be available. Seating is available in fixed seats at the amphitheater, or guests can bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to enjoy the concert from the large events lawn. Coolers are permitted.

The 2,500-capacity amphitheater is located directly behind the center's main parking lot, adjacent to the Art and Music wings, at 100 College Boulevard.

The Coasters' chart-topping songs comprised a major portion of the soundtrack of the lauded musical revue *Smokey Joe's Cafe,* which received a Grammy award and seven Tony nominations. The Coasters were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999.

The Coasters have been the backbone of the recording industry since their inception in 1953 and are known for their unique mix of comedy, doo-wop, and rhythm and blues. The Cornell Gunter Coasters put on a high-energy show full of familiar melodies, comedy and fun audience participation that the entire family can enjoy.

VIP tables are available for event sponsors for $200 each from the Chamber.

- Sylvia Bryan

Live Music Review

Amon Amarth and Goatwhore

Vinyl Music Hall, Pensacola



Photo by Edward A. McGrath.

Many metal acts have graced the stage at Pensacola's Vinyl Music Hall, but none have had quite the impact that Amon Amarth and Goatwhore delivered to our many local metalheads. Since 2012, I have seen just about every metal act that has rolled through the venue—Killswitch Engage, the Black Dahlia Murder, Cannibal Corpse, and the mighty Gwar. These bands have graced us with immensely powerful shows time and time again.

But I was completely overwhelmed by Amon Amarth and Goatwhore. This was the first sold out metal show I have ever seen at the Vinyl Music Hall, and it was on a Monday.

Once I walked in through those doors, a familiar feeling hit me, something that was missing for a while. It was a sense of community that surrounded me, an energy that is unmistakable. I frequent many concerts in the area, but nothing feels more like home than a metal show.

Known for being at the forefront of the blackened death metal subgenre, New Orleans' Goatwhore has developed a cult following, bringing with them a unique sound that many bands today still try to emulate, including lyrical topics such as the occult, Satanism, witchcraft, and Armageddon. Presenting many of their best songs—"Apocalyptic Havoc," "Nocturnal Conjuration of the Accursed," "Unraveling Paradise," and "FBS"—Goatwhore's sheer power was an amazing feat to witness. I was especially impressed with touring bassist Rob Coleman, who provided much interaction with the audience.

On drums, Zack Simmons demonstrated some very groovy rhythms alongside the traditional heavy, blasting drums that are signature to black metal and death metal. Louis Benjamin Falgoust II's voice was impeccable, with growls and harsh screams reminiscent of a wild animal on the hunt. After some onstage shenanigans between Louis and lead guitarist (and absolute riff lord) Sammy Duet, Goatwhore unleashed a brand new song ("Vengeful Ascension") and album announcement on us.

The anticipation I had for Amon Amarth was intense. I was engaged in total fanboy mode for a band that I had been following for almost 10 years. Known for their amazing lead guitar, crushing basslines, pulse-pounding drumming, and amazing lyricism (Norse mythology and legends), it was easy to see why this band became a favorite among metal fans. It's because they're actual Vikings.

With my *mjolnir* amulet around my neck, I was ecstatic and extremely exhausted. Up until that point, I was in the mosh pit with my fellow metalheads. I thought I was about to throw in the towel for the night and just enjoy the show like a responsible adult, but all of that was thrown away once Amon Amarth began took the stage. I was yelling and chanting for a band that I had admired since childhood.

The Stockholm band opened with a fan favorite, "The Pursuit of Vikings," and the entire place erupted. More moshing broke out, everyone is jumped to the music, and we were all pushed toward the front in a massive rush to the stage. The setlist contained Amon Amarth's best-known songs, including "Cry of the Blackbirds," "Guardians of Asgaard," "Free Will Sacrifice," "War of the Gods," "Destroyer of the Universe," "Father of the Wolf," "The Way of Vikings," "Raise Your Horns" and "Death in Fire."

Johan Hegg stood tall among his band of Vikings, delivering some of the most brutal vocals known to the metal world, demanding us to release our inner berserker. Jocke Wallgren, the band's drummer and newest member, performed all of the driving, pounding percussion rhythms to absolute perfection. He also showed us his technical prowess behind the kit during a blistering drum solo, which is something more concerts need.

Guitarists Olavi Mikkonen and Johan Soderberg were incredible masters of shreddings, whether it was through heavy riffage or monstrous solos and dual harmonies. On bass, Ted Lundström provided the growly low-end carnage needed to seal together the sounds for one of the greatest heavy metal bands of all time.

Once the show was finished, the crowd began to chant for one more song. Any fan of this band knew that there was one song missing from the set, and forgetting it would be a complete travesty. Post-tease, Amon Amarth marched back on stage and played their breakout song "Twilight of the Thunder God," an epic ode to Thor.

The concert was an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

- Marcus DeGagne

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8-p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
CHRIS ALVARADO, 7-9-p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10-p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9-p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 7-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5-p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
TYLER MAC BAND, 9-p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
1 LAST CHANCE, 9-p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 5-8-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10-p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
STEVIE HALL, 7-p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5-p.m.

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org
ALTER EAGLES, 7-p.m. ($15, Children 12 and Under FREE)
Concerts in the Village

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6-p.m.
CONTINUUM, 9-p.m.
DJ CHARLES, 10-p.m.-2-a.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 2-p.m.
BOBBYD, 6-9-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RICK'S CRAB TRAP, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6-p.m.

Live Music

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8-p.m.-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
CADILLAC WILLY, 6-9-p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
SPUTZY, 6-9-p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
JELLY ROLL, 7-p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
NEW EARTH ARMY, 9-p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7-p.m.
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8-p.m.-Midnight

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JOHN HART PROJECT, 8-p.m.-Midnight

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TONI DRAGO, 3-5-p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
DIKI ROSS, 5-9-p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
The Las Vegas Tribute Show with RON ADAMS, 7-p.m.
A tribute to Elvis, Bobby Darin, Cher, Tom Jones, Sinatra and more. Get your tickets at **rockdestin.com.**

FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING
TRIGGERPROOF, 6-8-p.m.
Concerts on the Landing, presented by 102.1 "The Wave" radio.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
NAKD, 9-p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
ED WRANN, 4-7-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9-p.m.
SUPERFACED, 9-p.m.-1-a.m.

IMOGENE THEATRE, Milton
JOHNNY & THE LOVE SEATS, 7-p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
FINGA FAYA, 4-7-p.m.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5-p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6-p.m.
YAMADEO, 9-p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7-p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6-p.m.

PROPS BREWERY, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 7-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 4850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDESTIN BEACH CLUB, Miramar Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 1-p.m.

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar Beach
MARI GLEASON, 5-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9-p.m.

30A STORE, Seagrove Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6-p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
ADAM KELLUM, 7-p.m.

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
Widespread Panic Tribute with CADILLAC WILLY, 9-p.m.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO, Destin
SPUTZY, 7-10-p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
DRIVIN N CRYIN, 8-p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 2-6-p.m.
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 7-11-p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 3-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THE GRAYTONES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

BEST WESTERN, Okaloosa Island
DIKI ROSS, 1-p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6-p.m.

BROTULA'S, Destin
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 2-6-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
ACTION DOUG, 3-5-p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
MARI GLEASON, 1 pm..

CRAB ISLAND, Destin
CALL THE LAW, Noon

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
NAKD, 9-p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
JOHNNY NO, 7-p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
TANNER GRAY, 4-7-p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 7-9-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BO ADAMS, 5-9-p.m.
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9-p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
HUCK AND LILLY, 5-p.m.
DRIVIN N CRYIN, 7-p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
DAVID JOEL, 7-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5-p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
YAMADEO, 9-p.m.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE, Niceville
THE CORNELL GUNTER COASTERS, 7-p.m.
Old time rock 'n roll from the legendary clown princes. *See page 17 for more info.*

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-p.m.

THE ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 6-p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SMOKIN' OASIS, Navarre Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6-9-p.m.

SUNSET BAY CAFE, Miramar beach
AL ALVARADO, 5-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
OCEAN DISCO, 3-p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
3HG, 7-9-p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10-p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8-p.m.
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9-p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 4-8-p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 8-p.m.-Midnight

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JAMAH TERRY, 5-9-p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10-a.m.-Noon

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BOB CUSHING, 5-9-p.m.

CRAB ISLAND, Destin
STRANGE TANG, 3-p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabIslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 1-p.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11-a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
NAKD, 9-p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6-p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
EMERALD GOLD BAND, 5-8-p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
FLASH FLOOD, 4:30-6:30-p.m.
DEPARTURE – THE JOURNEY TRIBUTE BAND, 7-9-p.m.
Stick around for fireworks at 9, and a fire spinning show from Just Add Fire.

HELEN BACK AGAIN, Crestview
RFS, 9-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 6-10-p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
HUGH MITCHELL BAND, 7-p.m.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE, HarborWalk Village
DERRICK DORSEY, 9-p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 3-p.m.
SHENANIGANS, 9-p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
DAVID JOEL, 7-p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5-p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
HOPE GIVEN, 11-a.m.-2-p.m.

PEDDLERS PAVILLION, Seacrest Beach
TANNER GRAY, 6-p.m.

Live Music

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11-a.m.-3-p.m.

SMOKIN' OASIS, Navarre Beach
DIKI ROSS, 6-9-p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11-a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8-p.m.-Midnight

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11-a.m.-2-p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
COCONUT RADIO, 7-9-p.m.
Fireworks at 9:15—in addition to the ones on the stage when Sue and Steve are playing.

MONDAY, MAY 29

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 5-9-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
KEVIN CARSON, 3-5-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8-p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6-p.m.

HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf
KATE McRAE, 5-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10-p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
JAMIE O'NEAL, 7-p.m.

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 7-11-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GRINGO FIFE, 5-p.m.
Curt Granger and Tracey Tucker have been playing all over the southeast since 2009. Sing along to Top 40, classic rock and country.
Vamanos Amigos!

PEDDLERS PAVILLION, Seacrest Beach
SEAN FLOOD, 6-p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
JOHN HOORMANN, 5-9-p.m.

BAMBOO WILLIE'S, Gulf Breeze
DAVID MEADOWS, 7-p.m.



BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5-p.m.

CHIRINGO, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Open Mic Night with MIKE INGRAM, 8-p.m.

GULFSIDE PAVILLION, Pensacola Beach
DECEPTION, 7-p.m.
Bands on the Beach

HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf
KATE McRAE, 5-p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
VILLAGE BRASS BAND, 7-p.m.
Fat Tuesday

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10-p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
BOUKOU GROOVE, 7-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GRINGO FIFE, 5-p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
KYLE LaMONICA, 5-7-p.m.
Pop & Shop Concerts

PEDDLERS PAVILLION, Seacrest Beach
BEN WALKER, 6-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9-p.m.

SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach
HUCK AND LILLY, 6:30-7:30-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8-p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10-p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9-p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11-p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, ALsBeachClub.com
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5-9-p.m.

ALYS BEACH AMPHITHEATRE, Alys Beach
THE CURRYS, 7-p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8-p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6-p.m.

CABANA CAFÉ, Miramar Beach
SPUTZY, 7-11-p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5-p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Destin, captdavesonthegulf.com
BRANDON DAY, 5-9-p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10-p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 8-p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailin' Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8-p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10-p.m.

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
STEVIE HALL, 7-p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BOB CUSHING, 5-p.m.

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
LUKE LANGFORD & 331 SOUTH, 7-p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6-p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10-p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9-p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9-p.m. (Courtyard)

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9-p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8-p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, 30asongwriterradio.com
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8-p.m.

VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, baytownewharf.com
THE MOON LAGOONS, 7-9-p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series. Mike Ingram's band continues to take the world by storm.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10-p.m.

PET OF THE ISSUE
Hayduke

Submitted by Chatham and Marilu Morgan

"Hayduke is our beagle," the proud doggie parents tell *Beachcomber*. "He was named after the protagonist in Edward Abbey's *The Monkey Wrench Gang."* Apparently, the photo captions were written by Hayduke himself.



Hayduke doin a snuggle (bamboozled again!).



Smol fren does an inquire (r u thinking wat I'm thinkin pupper?).



Doggo doin a sniff (stay tastee human pupperino).



Doggos doin a good boy (will behave 4 treats fren).



Ten Years After... YOLO Relay Series Returns to South Walton

YOLO Board, LLC hosts the tenth installment of the YOLO Board Relay Series, a three-part standup paddleboard (SUP) race series and family event **May 18, June 15** and **July 20.**



Presented by YOLO Board Adventures, the events will be held at the Bay restaurant with races on the beautiful Choctawhatchee Bay. Race days will include giveaways, live music, refreshments and kids' activities.

One of the pioneer SUP events on the Northwest Florida Gulf Coast, the YOLO Board Relay Series has expanded and evolved as the sport's popularity has grown across the area. This year's edition will feature team relay-style competition in three recreational divisions—Men's, Women's and Coed, along with the return of a division dedicated to Special Olympics Florida-Walton County athletes.

"Each year we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and participation of the local SUP community for the race series," says **Jeff Archer,** founder of YOLO Board. "When the series began, we had no idea that it would still be a highlight of our season 10 years later. Adding the Special Olympics athletes has been such a rewarding experience for all involved. I love how this sport brings joy and empowerment to everyone who tries it."

Defined by a lighthearted and festive atmosphere, the series allows participants of all skill levels to enjoy being on the water and offers the perfect venue for spectators to relax and cheer on their favorite teams. The Bay offers a picturesque sandy beach along the shores of the Choctawhatchee Bay with seating and refreshments readily available.

Signature 10th anniversary t-shirts will be available for purchase at each race, and all racers receive a swag bag that includes a t-shirt.

Each race series event will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Bay, located at 24215 US Highway 331 South in Santa Rosa Beach.

For more information regarding sponsorship or team registration, call 850-424-6852 or email **info@YOLOBoard.com.** Discover more at **YOLOBoard.com.**

- Mitzi Archer



Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your June 1-14 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **May 25,** *or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email* **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

BUBBLY BAYTOWNE
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-6 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Champagne, shopping and live music from Beachcomber Music Award winner **Scott Rockwood.** For ages 21 and up only.

PATIO PARTY
Camille's Cafe, Destin, 3-5 p.m.
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
Summer wines, music, local art and tasty treats. Plus that stunning, ever-present Gulf view.

THIRD THURSDAY WINE WALKABOUT
Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

"HISTORIC TECHNOLOGY" HOME SCHOOL TOUR
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 1-2:30 p.m.
Heritage-Museum.org
Home school students are invited to learn how technology has evolved over the years and make their own catapults. Cost is $7 per student, plus one parent or teacher per family. Preregistration required. Call 850-678-2615.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

EIGHTH ANNUAL LITTLE BLACK DRESS PARTY
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Sandestin, 6 p.m.
LBDParty.com
The "Havana Nights" themed event is a fundraiser for White-Wilson Community Foundation's women's health initiatives. Tickets are $90; tables of 10, $850.

I3D (INVENTORS, INNOVATORS, IMAGINEERS & DESIGNERS) MAKERS SUMMIT
Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, 9 a.m.-Noon
EventBrite.com
Join guest presenters in Building 400, Room 302 to discover how to move your ideas from the back of a napkin and into the market. Keynote by patent attorney **Nevin Shaffer.** FREE.

LUCY BUFFETT BOOK SIGNING EVENT
LuLu's, Destin, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
LucyBuffett.com
Meet and greet the original "Crazy Sista" herself, and pick up a personalized copy of Lucy's new cookbook *Gumbo Love.*

WRITERS IN SANDALS
Destin Library, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Local authors **Marilyn Turk** and **Linda Knowles** present writing tips from the Blue Lake Writers Conference and their own published novels. New writers welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

2017 CRAFTATHON BEER FESTIVAL
Fort Walton Beach Landing, Noon-4 p.m.
Crowd-pleasing suds from the pros and the best of our home brewers. VIP ticket holders will be allowed access at 11 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 22

HYDROFLIGHT MONDAYS
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6 and 8:30 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Fly-board extraordinaire **Ben Merrell** soars over the Baytowne lagoon. FREE.

Events

TUESDAY, MAY 23

BOOMIN' TUESDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:30 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by breathtaking fireworks at 9:15.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

LADIES NIGHT
Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
Ladies get half-off drinks and $2 off all sushi rolls.

LIVE TRIVIA
World of Beer, Destin Commons, 7:30 p.m.
Test your knowledge of useless information and score prizes.

VETERANS JOB FAIR
Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island, 11 a.m.
Events.recruitmilitary.com
FREE hiring event for U.S. military veterans, including personnel transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

MAGICAL THURSDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7 and 8 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Join **Captain Davy,** Baytowne's featured pirate, for two on-stage adventures.

WORLD'S GREATEST BABY SHOWER
Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island, 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Join **The Good Lookings** on the Events Stage. Or just watch from the audience. They would probably prefer that.

SATURDAY, MAY 27-MONDAY, MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
BaytowneWharf.com
Live music Saturday and Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. Kids' activities and fireworks Sunday. On Monday, the **Sandestin Veterans** present a Memorial Day program in honor of our veterans.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 4:30 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Live music from **Flash Flood** (4:30-6:30 p.m.) and Journey tribute band **Departure** (7-9 p.m.), fireworks (9 p.m.) and a performance by **Just Add Fire.**

MONDAY, MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
Beal Memorial Cemetery, Fort Walton Beach, 11 a.m.
850-302-0266
Pay homage to our deceased veterans.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

BOOMIN' TUESDAY
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:30 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by breathtaking fireworks at 9:15.

FAT TUESDAY PARADE
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-10 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
The Destin Harbor transforms into the Big Easy, with dazzling floats, colorful costumes and street performers. Live music from the **Village Brass Band** at 7 p.m. on the main stage, and firespinning by **Just Add Fire** following the parade.



LuLu's Destin generously donated a portion of their restaurant sales to the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center's Eating for Advocacy program. General Manager Mike Butler presented a check for $500 to ECCAC director of development Kim Henderson. With centers in Okaloosa and Walton counties, ECCAC helps abused and neglected child victims and their families through the recovery process by providing free services in a child-friendly environment. Learn more at ECCAC.org.

Photo by Kay Phelan.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

LADIES NIGHT
Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
Ladies get half-off drinks and $2 off all sushi rolls.

LIVE TRIVIA
World of Beer, Destin Commons, 7:30 p.m.
Test your knowledge of useless information and score prizes.



Marcia Hull welcomes guests to the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village's concert series. The Destin venue has a new canopy over the Dugas Pavilion, thanks in part to donations from the community. Hull has been CEO of Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation for 18 years. "We've come a long way from our humble beginnings in a one-room office in the Destin Chamber to this 52-acre parcel Mattie bequeathed to MKAF as a cultural hub for the arts," says Hull.

Photo by Zandra Wolfgram.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m.Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.**

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

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ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.



Family-Friendly Events

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Ranger Program at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Santa Rosa Beach, 3 p.m. Call 850-267-8330 for details.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Kids Night Out, various locations in Okaloosa and Walton counties. More at **emeraldcoastkids.org/kids-night-out.**

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Children's Volunteer Health Network Smile Mile and 5K at Marina Park, Santa Rosa Beach, 7 a.m.-noon.

Kids to Park Day at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park, Niceville, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. A com munity event for all ages.

MONDAY, MAY 22

Military Monday at Bounce Party Playzone, Santa Rosa Mall, Mary Esther.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Kids Night Out at Fired Up, Seaside, 6-8:30 p.m. For ages 6-12. Reserve a spot at **firedupseaside.com.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Last Day of School for Walton County students.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Starfish Family Workshop at Artists at Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Join our pal **John Hollan** for a *Starfish Family* book signing, along with activities for all ages. Cost is $15. Call 850-622-0400 or visit **artistsatgulfplace.com.** Check out the other great activities at Gulf Place, too, including jewelry workshops and mixed media classes.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Kids Night Out, various locations in Okaloosa and Walton counties. More at **emeraldcoastkids.org/kids-night-out.**

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Family Challenge at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Santa Rosa Beach, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. A fun challenge for you and your family to complete together. Different challenges each month, including geocaching, photo scavenger hunt, beach scavenger hunt, art challenge, etc. Check in at the camp store between for your family challenge packet. Upon completion, return the packet to the camp store for your treat.

SUNDAY, MAY 28-MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day Weekend Celebration at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin. Kick off the summer with live music, kids' activities, and a patriotic fireworks show Sunday evening. On Monday, the Sandestin Veterans present a special Memorial Day program. More at **BaytowneWharf.com.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Visor Glam with Patty at Artists at Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Make and wear a hand-decorated sun visor. Cost is $12-17. Call 850-622-0400 or visit **artistsatgulfplace.com.**

- Kellyanne Bartleson, **EmeraldCoastKids.org**



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For almost 10 years, New Beginnings Animal Sanctuary has been sheltering Niceville's homeless dogs. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the sanctuary relies on donations from the community to provide food, veterinary care and eventually loving homes to animals in need.

For more information, visit **nicevilleanimalclinic.net/shelter.html.**

- Kyra Kile



RIGHT: Yoga Teacher in Training Kristine Normand and veterinary receptionist Christal Huntzinger.





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EDUCATIONAL

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FARMERS' MARKETS

30A FARMERS' MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A , Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL STATE PRESERVE Two major freshwater coastal dune lakes are located within the 1,600-acre preserve. Campground entrance and day use entrance are located on West Scenic Highway 30-A, 1/4 mile south of U.S. 98. 850-267-0299. **www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.**

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Bestselling Author Andrews Launches Beach House Cookbook

Newman-Dailey Resort Properties is hosting perennial *New York Times* bestseller and "Beach Read Queen" (CNN.com) **Mary Kay Andrews** for the unveiling of a new cookbook full of the author's favorite recipes.

Presented with the breezy flair that made Andrews' novels summertime favorites, ***The Beach House Cookbook*** from St. Martin's Press is a must for anyone staying in a beach vacation rental or seeking recipes that remind them of the beach.

Andrews will visit Destin for a meet and greet plus book signing at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Thursday, **May 25,** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Mary Kay Andrews is one of our favorite authors, and our staff and guests enjoy her hard-to-put-down, fun beach reads," says Newman-Dailey founder and CEO **Jeanne Dailey.**

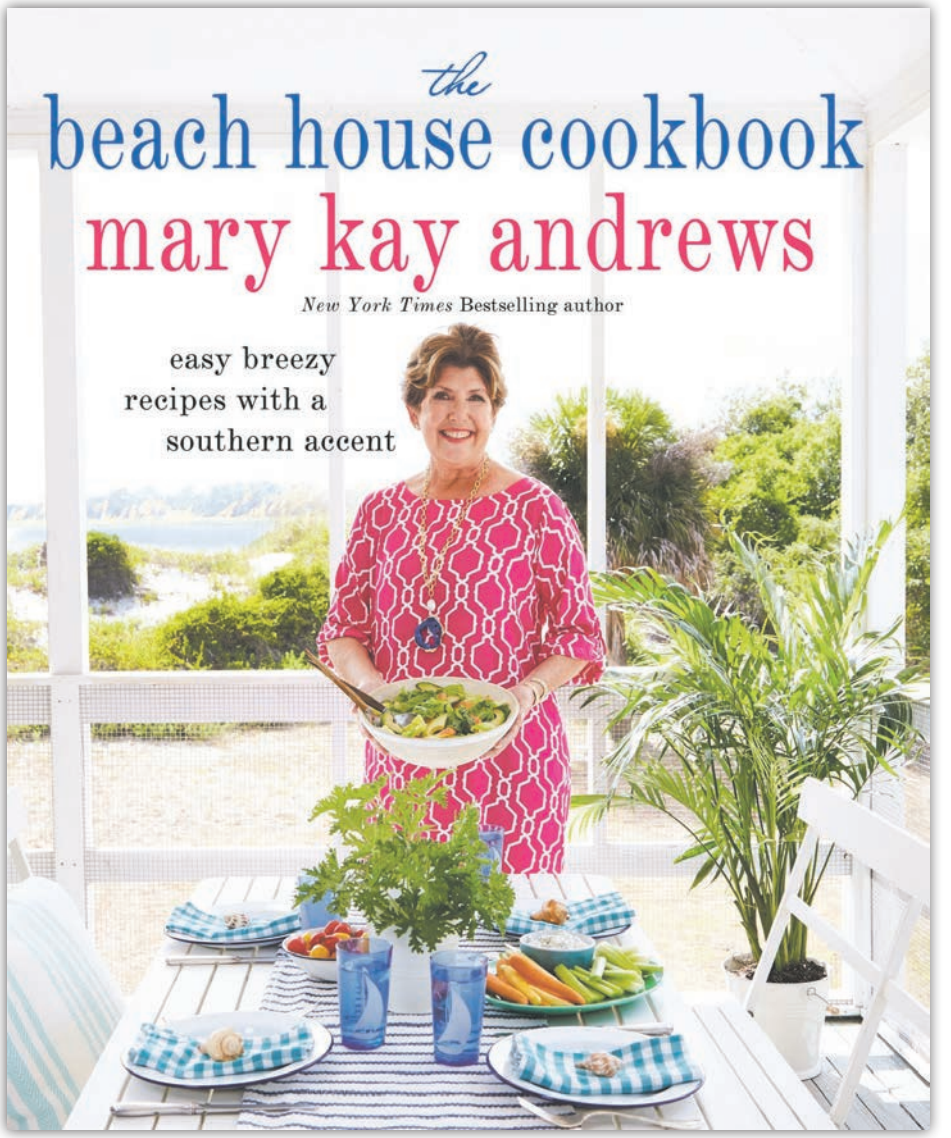
"We were excited to learn she was publishing a cookbook filled with recipes that are ideal for feeding families and friends staying in a beach house. For guests who like to visit during the holidays, the cookbook features recipes for every holiday, including Thanksgiving at the Beach."

From an early spring dinner of cherry balsamic-glazed lamb chops and bacon-kissed green beans to Fourth of July buttermilk-brined fried chicken, yuppie potato salad, and Coca-Cola cake to her New Year's Day Open House menu of charcoal-grilled oysters, home-cured gravlax, grits n' greens casserole and Meyer lemon bar trifle, the cookbook is filled with ideas for menus designed to put the chef and his or her guests in a permanently carefree coastal state of mind all year long.

As part of Andrews' visit, Newman-Dailey Resort Properties invites fans to register to win a beach bag filled with Mary Kay Andrews novels and a signed copy of *The Beach House Cookbook.*

Andrews is the bestselling author of *The Weekenders, Beach Town, Save the Date, Ladies' Night, Spring Fever, Summer Rental, The Fixer Upper, Deep Dish, Blue Christmas, Savannah Breeze, Hissy Fit, Little Bitty Lies* and *Savannah Blues.* Discover more at **MaryKayAndrews.com.**

- Tracy Louthain



Recommended Reading

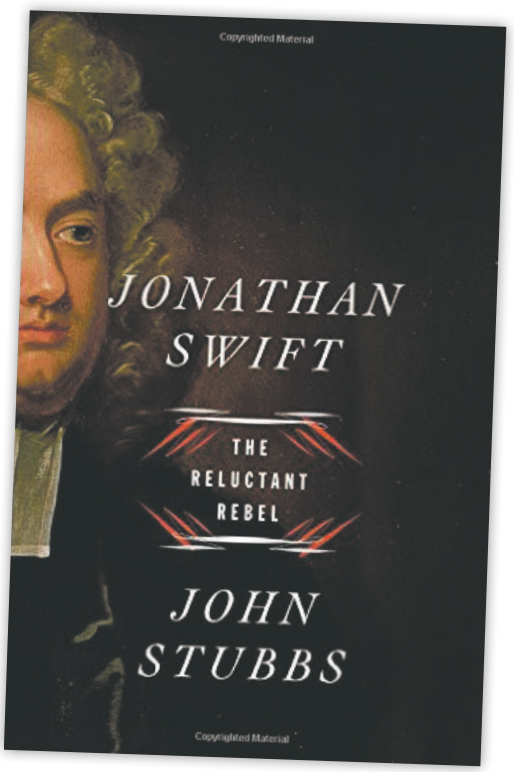
John Stubbs

Jonathan Swift: The Reluctant Rebel

W.W. Norton

This new, lengthy biography of Anglo-Irish writer and satirist Swift is likely to be the standard work for quite a while. Most people's acquaintance with Swift doesn't get much past *Gulliver's Travels* or *A Modest Proposal*, two works more quoted than actually read. Stubbs takes his time with his subject, weaving Swift's life and works into a detailed tapestry of English and European history and politics, pausing occasionally to reflect on its effect on Swift the writer. He also delves into Swift's religious life (he was a devout Anglican cleric), a strong influence on his personality, politics and writing.

- Bruce Collier



UPCOMING BOOKS

MAY 23

Andrew Blauner, Editor, *In Their Lives: Great Writers on Great Beatles Songs*
Cassandra Clare, *Lord of Shadows (The Dark Artifices Book 2)*
Michael Crichton, *Dragon Teeth*
Kevin Kwan, *Rich People Problems*
Jeff Shaara, *The Frozen Hours: A Novel of the Korean War*
Simon Sinek, *Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't* (Paperback)
Doreen Virtue, *10 Messages Your Angels Want You to Know*

MAY 30

Chelsea Clinton and Alexandra Boiger, *She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World*
Clive Cussler and Graham Brown, *Nighthawk (The NUMA Files)*
Shari Lapena, *The Couple Next Door* (Paperback)
Nora Roberts, *Come Sundown*
David Sedaris, *Theft by Finding: Diaries 1977-2002*
Del Sroufe, *The China Study Family Cookbook: 100 Recipes to Bring Your Family to the Plant-Based Table* (Paperback)
The Official ACT® Prep Guide, 2018 Edition

Sources: www.amazon.com



Movies

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

MAY 19

Alien: Covenant. Michael Fassbender, Katherine Waterston.
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul. Jason Drucker, Owen Asztalos.
Everything, Everything. Amandla Stenberg, Nick Robinson.
The Survivalist. Martin McCann, Mia Goth.
Wakefield. Bryan Cranston, Jennifer Garner.

MAY 26

Baywatch. Dwayne Johnson, Zac Efron.
Berlin Syndrome. Teresa Palmer, Max Riemelt.
Black Butterfly. Antonio Banderas, Jonathan Rhys Meyers.
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales. Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom.
War Machine. Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton.

UPCOMING DVD/ BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

MAY 23

Get Out. Jordan Peele's horror-comedy thrill ride.
Logan. Hugh Jackman is back as Wolverine.
My Life as a Zucchini. Universally acclaimed animated art house picture.

Source: www.rottentomatoes.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

SUNDAY, MAY 21



"MOANA"
Events Plaza Lawn, Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 8 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
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STREAM ON

Fleabag
Amazon



Fleabag is a British dark comedy created and written by Phoebe Waller-Bridge. The show follows Waller-Bridge's title character through sexual escapades, family drama and professional struggles that are always tinged with her confident and wildly inappropriate brand of humor. Fleabag lets us into her world through sweet, haunting flashbacks of a lost best friend and knowing looks as she turns away from scenes to tell us her real thoughts. She is an anti-heroine who uses humor to cope with grief and breaks through her deadpan disposition in moments of deep humanity, creating a story that is as sweet as it is uncomfortable as it is incredibly funny. Season 1 of *Fleabag* is now streaming.

- Jane Morgan

The Handmaid's Tale
Hulu



Because it can "show don't tell," Hulu's version of the novel so many of us read and (over) analyzed in college has a faster, more engaging pace. But don't throw out your Cliff Notes just yet as some details, characters and time frames have been reworked. The storyline, though, remains the same. The new Republic of Gilead, the former United States now under military rule, is suffering a pollution-induced infertility epidemic. The government's solution to the waning population? Handmaids. It's a dark, freaky tale that's well scripted, superbly acted and visually fascinating. Watch and prepare to get hooked.

- Joni Williams

"The Tiny Warriors" at NW Florida Theatre Festival

By Kimberly White

The inaugural Northwest Florida Theatre Festival at Grand Boulevard offers 19 pieces written, produced and performed by locals. It was held in conjunction with the Mother's Day weekend's ArtsQuest and continues **May 18-21** with repeats of many of the first weekend's performances.

The Tiny Warriors appealed to me on a couple different levels. The skit stars a life coach named Lisa and her roommate of two years, Morty, whose work as a suicide hotline operator provides comedically grim material for his true aspiration as a greeting card writer.

I don't know anything about life coaches, suicide hotlines or greeting card writers, but I do know about the complexities involved with having roommates. I figured the play would be a combination of comedy and drama.

My most vivid memory living with a male roommate in Monterey, California, occurred during a drunken Cinco de Mayo bash. We soaked for a while in the backyard hot tub, chased each other for two blocks and then tackled each other into the icy-cold waters of the Monterey Bay. Hopefully, that's as close as I'll ever get to being electrocuted.

For his part, on our last night together as roommates, Mark said his lasting memory of me would be the night I was dressed on full scuba gear—wetsuit, tank and all—doing an imitation of Meg Ryan's orgasm scene in *When Harry Met Sally.* I don't remember the circumstances behind that one, but it was also probably driven by alcohol.

Then there was David, who I lived with briefly in Washington, D.C. He worked at a bar, and my only real memory of that living arrangement was the incident that ended it. He came home completely wasted one night and pounded on my bedroom door for what seemed like hours, screaming and yelling about something obscure while I cowered in my room because the door didn't have a lock. I couldn't call for help because my cell phone was in the living room. There's just something about roommates and alcohol that lead to lasting memories.

Based on those experiences, I expected a comedy-drama in *The Tiny Warriors,* although I also left room for some sexual tension, the male-female dynamic being what it is. The play does, in fact, include all those elements during its short but sweet time slot. (The fact that it was only 15 minutes long was the other thing that appealed to me, my attention span also being what it is.)

The skit opens with Lisa (Cana Sylvester) circling a couch and coffee table topped with a wine bottle and glass, talking to a friend on her cell about her pending move to Italy. During the conversation, she also alludes to her recent breakup with "Chris," which tipped me off to some upcoming sexual tension.

Morty (Justin Duncan) wanders in at the tail end of the conversation and, while Lisa folds laundry, he reads some of the greeting card ideas he's sketched out at work—all but one of which starkly reflects the depressing nature of his work at his day job. But this is where the comedy begins, and the laughter and sexual tension build from there. Especially after two lonely socks make an appearance.

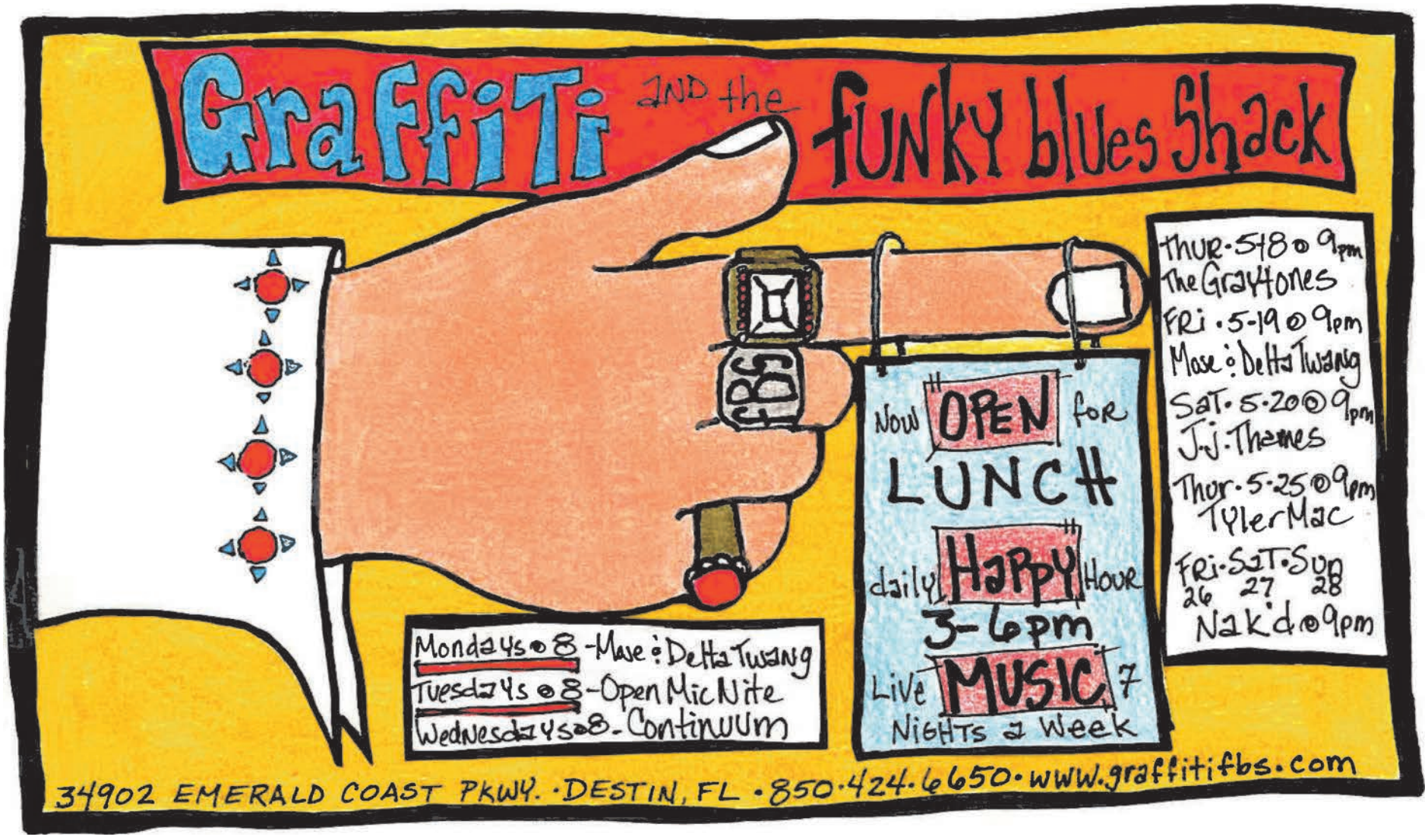
Sylvester, 22, lives in Fort Walton Beach while Duncan, also 22, studies theater in Orlando. The two wrote *The Tiny Warriors* while enrolled in the visual and performing arts department at Gulf Coast State College.

"There was this variety show and we just watched 10-minute plays and figured we may as well just write a 10-minute play, that'll be perfect, and we'll just throw it in this variety show," Sylvester explains. "We always talked about doing it again, but it's so hard to find a space."

Sylvester and Duncan both previously worked with the Emerald Coast Theatre Company, and they found the space to perform when she was poking around on the company's web site several months ago.

I'm not sure why it took so long for a performing arts element to make its way into ArtsQuest, but I'm glad it did. Not only are live performances entertaining to audiences and performers alike, but events like the Northwest Florida Theatre Festival are "unjuried and uncensored"—meaning they're open to anyone, experienced or not, with an idea and the passion to see it through.

See *The Tiny Warriors* at 560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs Saturday, **May 20,** at 10 p.m. More at **NWFTheatreFestival.com.**



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FRIDAY, MAY 19

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SATURDAY, MAY 20

ACT4MURDER'S "A MEDLEY FOR MURDER"
Samuel's Roadhouse Grill, Crestview, 6 p.m.
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Join **Paula Hilton** and the gang for the world premiere of the award-winning comedy troupe's latest, inspired by TV singing competitions. With **David Smith, Joe Chase, Sally Whitesell, Susan DeJesus, Cynthia Bergquist** and *Beachcomber's* own **Chris Manson.** Cost is $38 per person and includes dinner and show. VIP packages available.

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SUNDAY, MAY 21

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

MONDAY, MAY 22

"PINOCCHIO"
Seaside Amphitheater, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND CREW
Al's Beach Club, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
ALsBeachClub.com
FREE for kiddies of all ages.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

"THE TALES OF KING ARTHUR"
North Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach, 6:30
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

PITTMAN MAGIC DINNER THEATER
La Paz, Destin
DestinMagicDinnerTheater.com

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

FRIDAY, MAY 26

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SATURDAY, MAY 27

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
TheSTOKEDShow.com

SUNDAY, MAY 28

"STOKED: A MUSICAL COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW"
Bart Rockett Theater, HarborWalk Village, 8 p.m.
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MONDAY, MAY 29

ADVENTURES IN ALYS
Alys Beach, 10 a.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

"PINOCCHIO"
Seaside Amphitheater, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

PIRATE SHOW WITH CAPT. DAVY AND CREW
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TUESDAY, MAY 30

AWKWARD OXEN LATE NITE IMPROV COMEDY
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 10 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
For ages 13 and up. Tickets are $10 each or two for $15.

ILLUSIONIST JEANETTE ANDREWS
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 8 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
Tickets are $25 for adults, $15 for students ages 10 and up.

IMPROV BOOTCAMP
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 2 p.m.
LoveTheREP.com
For ages 5-14. Tickets are $25.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

ADVENTURES IN ALYS
Alys Beach, 10 a.m.
LoveTheREP.com
FREE show for all ages.

AWKWARD OXEN LATE NITE IMPROV COMEDY
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Lloyd Taylor – A Part of Destin History

By Samantha Lambert

Longtime Destin resident Lloyd Taylor was born at Eglin Air Force Base in 1945. He and his twin brother Tommy were thought to be the first documented twins born there. Lloyd and his brother were brought home to Calhoun Drive in Destin by his parents Clement James Garfield Taylor and Willie Mae Marler Taylor. There, they met their two older brothers and the rest of their extended family.

The Taylor family history goes back to the early 1900's when Taylor's grandfather Clement E. Taylor left England and arrived by steamboat at Santa Rosa Beach. He held many teaching degrees. Billy Marler, who would later become Taylor's grandfather as well, hired Grandfather Taylor to teach his children. Grandfather Taylor then helped open the Episcopal Church in Destin. His son and Lloyd's father, Clement James Garfield Taylor, was born in England and was around three years old when he arrived in Destin.

Taylor's grandparents on his mother's side were W.T. Marler and Camella Kathryn Brooks Marler. They had 10 children, one of whom was Willie Mae Marler, Lloyd's mother. "Grandfather Marler wanted a boy so he named her Willie Mae," says Taylor.

Grandfather Marler was a lighthouse keeper and built boats. He also opened the first school in Destin in his home. Church services were also held there—a minister would come by boat to perform the service. "Grandfather Marler kept a casket upstairs in his home, as he was the unofficial undertaker," says Taylor. "He never charged for this service as he often said that you couldn't charge a person in that condition. He had a great sense of humor."

Eventually Grandfather Marler set up a Methodist church, which later burned down and was replaced by a Presbyterian church. W.C. Pryor wrote a story about W.T. Marler called "The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met" in the December 1955 edition of *Reader's Digest.*

Taylor's parents, Clement James and Willie Mae, were married in 1931 and raised their family in Destin. His dad was a civil service worker until 1960. "Growing up in early Destin was like living in paradise," says Taylor. "We camped, fished and played baseball. During warm weather, we swam, boated and water-skied on a little ski boat my father gave us. We were always fighting and playing around, but we developed lifelong best friends like the Parrishes, the Brunsons, and our cousins. We worked on the fishing boats. Plus, there was a lot of influence on our lives from our neighbors. Everyone was family."

Taylor attended elementary school in a three-room building on Calhoun Drive in the spot that is now home to Clement E. Taylor Park. "We played a lot of baseball back then and had games against Westwood Elementary, which is now Edwins Elementary in Fort Walton Beach," he says. Taylor attended Pryor Junior High the first year it was open and continued his education at Choctawhatchee High School for grades 10 through 12. Taylor graduated from Choctaw in 1963.

"My brother and I sometimes took the boat to get to Choctaw, which was at the Meigs Middle School location in Shalimar then."

Taylor started at Troy State Teachers College in Alabama at the age of 17. He earned a teaching degree in Social Studies, followed by a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision. He started teaching at Kenwood Elementary in 1968 as a physical education instructor. In 1969, he moved to Pryor Junior High where he taught Social Studies for 15 years.

"As my 7th grade geography teacher at Pryor Junior High, Mr. Taylor inspired me to want to become a teacher in Okaloosa County. I later became a social studies teacher in the school system. My dad Charles Gregory—who was an assistant principal at Pryor then—also enjoyed working with Lloyd," says former Destin resident Lori Gregory Green.

From Pryor, Taylor went to the Okaloosa County Schools District Office where he worked in Student Services for 12 years. He also served on the Destin Community Board before Destin was incorporated as a city. After Destin was incorporated in 1985, he was elected to the first city council and reelected to the second council. "We passed regulations on parking and growth management to try and restrict it," says Taylor. "Those regulations were later overturned."

In 1996, Taylor was elected to the Okaloosa County School Board and served two terms. He retired in 2004 but went back to work in Student Services for the school system in 2006.

Taylor married the former Sandra Girard 42 years ago. He has two children—son James Richard and daughter Camella. His parents were married 50-plus years before his father passed away in 1986.



Lloyd Taylor back in the day, with twin brother Tommy…



…and today.

His mother Willie Mae helped found the Destin Library in 1940 and chaired the Friends of Destin Library Board. The Children's Room at the Destin Library is named after Willie Mae. She passed away in 1999.

"It was a different time and era back in the early days of Destin," Taylor notes. "We have had lifelong relationships with friends we grew up with and wonderful memories. It is difficult in today's society to have those types of relationships. We have also had some wonderful people move into Destin. My concerns now are growth management and maintaining a good quality of life. I would also like to see more jobs for young people to keep them here.

"As for me, I wouldn't live anywhere else in the world."

The Truth about Cobia Fishing



By Jenna Taylor
Photos by Hunter Forbes

Imagine this. It's the first week of the month-long cobia tournament. You're scrolling through Facebook and you see friends, acquaintances and numerous people who have recently caught cobia. You see a few small fish, some pushing 80 to 90 pounds.

Pictures upon pictures of successful trips. You go out that day, or maybe even for a full week. Staring into the abyss. Sitting on the tower, braving the crashing waves that are upon you. Sunburns, early mornings and long days. Hours upon hours logged atop the tower, contemplating your sanity.

Nothing. You see absolutely nothing. Except possibly a sea turtle or two. Maybe even a stingray. But those little critters are at least more than solely the awe-inspiring open waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

And that's the truth about cobia fishing. What your Facebook feed doesn't show are the numerous people who have gone day in and day out without seeing a fish. You may have days in which you see nothing, yet the boat to your left and right both catch fish.

But with those days also come the successful ones. That's if the boredom hasn't pushed you to forget about cobia fishing completely and take up turkey hunting instead.

Just ask the crewmembers on the *Hey Baby*. Going out everyday, you're bound to have the dreadful ones in which you see nothing. But with persistence and hard work, they got it done the weekend of the Harbor Docks tournament. Cashing in more than $135,000 during the Crab Cruncher classic, you could say it was a successful few days.

Cobia fishing isn't for everyone. It's for those who can put up with the bad days and wait it out for the good ones to come through. Cobia fishing is for the individuals who can believe the elusive cobia are still out there. Yes, the numbers may have been better before the oil spill, or back in '95 when 10 were caught on a bad trip. But in 2017, if you're one of the persistent, lucky cobia fishing crews, that says a lot.

Only a great fisherman can endure and be patient through the months of March and April. With all that being said, when you are one of the lucky fishermen to catch one, boy, do you celebrate. Making it all worthwhile.

Until next year, cobia season.







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Real Estate Answers

This issue begins a series of questions about real estate on the Emerald Coast answered by successful professional realtors. Each issue this summer and through the fall will have one frequently asked question that our group of professional realtors will answer from their own perspective and experiences. This issue's realtors are **Brad Shouts**, Co-owner of RE/MAX Southern Real Estate, and Jerry Sullivan, Jordan Pehowic and Kim Moore of Century 21 Blue Marlin Real Estate. Brad has been a licensed Real Estate Broker in Florida and Alabama for over 22 years and is a member of the RE/MAX Hall of Fame. Jerry Sullivan has been involved in Commercial and Residential Real Estate for over 14 years including management, construction and ownership of a successful real estate company here on the Emerald Coast. This issue's question is:

Location, Square Footage and Amenities... What Should I Be Looking for in an Investment Property?

Several factors should be considered when looking for an investment property in our area. Also, the current and future goals that the buyer has for the property need to be included in the equation. Is it going to be used strictly as an income generator initially and then morph into a family retreat? In most scenarios, the primary factors are location and price. If your goal is for the property to generate short term income, then you have to choose one that is within budget and can be easily marketed to travelers.

The old adage "location, location, location" is still king. While beachfront is preferable, it's not always within budget, or necessary to generate income. So, compare a property that offers beach access and amenities in order to counterbalance not being directly on the water. Size also plays a role in the process, and understanding the rental business can help guide owners to the area's current rental inventory and demand by travelers. Then, take a long-term view of the property you want to buy. What's nearby and how might that develop over a period of years? You want your investment property to be close to amenities, attractions, and gathering areas.

Next, you'll need to ask these questions on a given property: what are the monthly fees, is the Homeowners Association solvent and are its reserves fully funded, and what is the projected annual income based on past rental history? This income based approach allows you greater control and peace of mind when it comes to the valuation and financing.

As an agent, I take into account as much as possible before deciding which properties to recommend and show. After answering these questions, we can narrow your search to only properties that leave you with the greatest potential to generate income. There is not a perfect science to the selection process, but this list should help in the search.

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Location, Square Footage and Amenities... What Should I Be Looking for in an Investment Property?

Parallel to other types of investments, real estate investing involves a comparatively favorable risk/reward profile. When it comes to investment properties, Century 21 Blue Marlin's agents have several recommendations on what to look for when shopping investment properties.

"Investment properties come in so many different packages," says co-owner, **Jerry Sullivan**. "When it comes to residential investments, location and amenities are important. We work closely with a number of owners who have invested in short term rental properties for their potential rental income in our highly-trafficked area along Florida's Emerald Coast. When we help clients find an investment property, we suggest finding properties adjacent to the beach, highlighting beautiful views or surroundings, accessibility to property amenities and management. Management is one of the major factors many people overlook, but while you are away from the property it is important to have a management team that is making sure the property is being maintained to its ideal pristine condition. Additionally, this is key for potential resale values."

"Choosing a great property management company should be a priority for buyers when considering purchasing an investment property here on the Emerald Coast," says realtor **Jordan Pehowic**. "Many buyers live hours away and should consider a property manager who will ensure the property will be taken care of and rented to its maximum potential while they are away. Owning an investment property comes with many stresses and employing a property management company places some of those stresses on the property manager rather than the owner, which allows the owner to enjoy the property more and worry less.

"When looking for a client, Team Moore looks for return on investment (ROI) as it's key for someone looking for a great investment property but location, amenities, views and accessibility to the beach are also key factors," says realtor **Kim Moore**. "While investors want to make a profit they also want a property that they themselves and their families will enjoy for a great vacation. To make sure your rental property will bring in top dollar, it's important that you keep your appearance updated and keep up yearly maintenance on your property."

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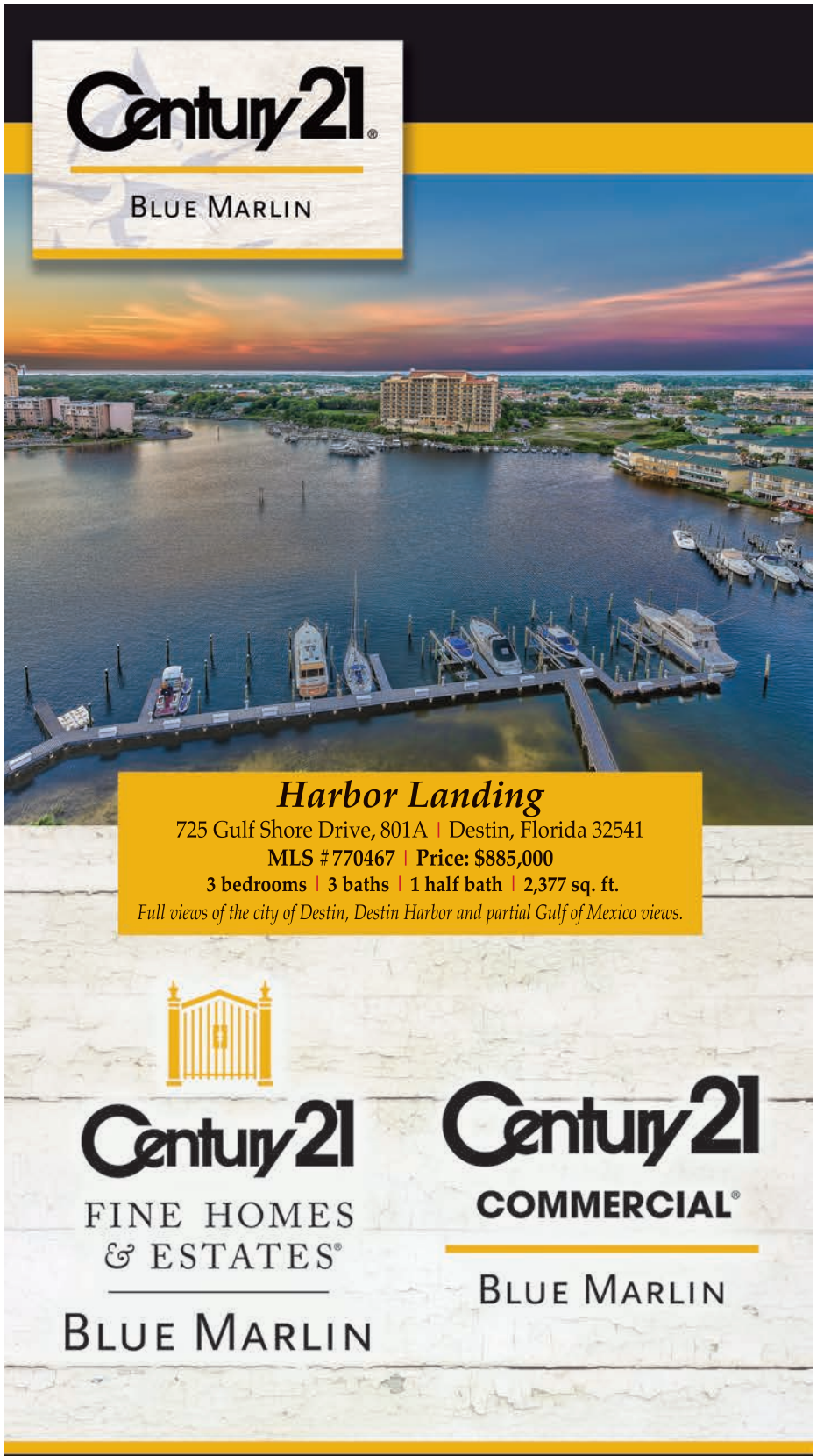
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Brian Haugen

Retired Lieutenant Colonel, Special Forces
U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army Rangers and Special Forces (Green Berets)
U.S. Army National Guard
(May 1986 – September 2009)

Brian grew up the son of an Air Force general, so he understands the sacrifices and constant changes that come with a career in the military. After receiving a degree in Engineering from Marion Military Institute followed by a degree in Business Management from the University of West Florida, Brian chose to follow the path of his father, serving in the U.S. Army as part of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Brian is the ultimate example of a hero at home and abroad. After serving his country in Operation Desert Storm, Brian retired but remained active in the National Guard. When the call to duty came after 9/11, Brian put his blooming civilian financial service career on hold and joined his Special Forces comrades in Afghanistan.

Brian has served on the board and as chairman of the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce, on the Board of Directors for the University of West Florida Foundation, and on the Board of Directors for the Marion Military Institute Alumni Brigade.

He has given back to the community he has called home since the '80s by serving as the Chairman of the Board for the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida, as well as the Board of Directors for the Arts Council of Northwest Florida, the Board of Directors for the Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, and the Florida Bar's Grievance Committee (District One).

Brian also regularly acts as emcee at community events and fundraisers for several charitable organizations.

He and wife Kathy created the Taylor Haugen Foundation (**TaylorHaugen.org**) in memory of their son Taylor. The YESS Program (Youth Equipment for Sport Safety) has since partnered with EvoShield and has outfitted thousands of student athletes with body gear to protect them from life-threatening injuries.

This is the first of a series of articles honoring our military residents—active duty and retired—who bring the same dedication they've shown in uniform to their communities. Submissions for this feature are welcome—send your candidate's name and contact info to **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**







The Food You Crave, Ready When You Are

By Bruce Collier



Everyday Gourmet to Go is located just off Racetrack Road in Fort Walton Beach. The storefront is mostly window—the better to peek at the goodies inside—and there are plants and a small cafe-style table just outside the door. At first glance you might think it's a gift shop—and there are gifts—but the real draw is in the display cases.

Owner **Sherie Montalto** opened Everyday Gourmet to Go eight months ago. Prior to that, she and her late husband owned and ran Pandora's, two of the area's best-known and loved steakhouses. Looking for something smaller and less time-consuming, Montalto took inspiration from her youth in Canada and first experiences in the restaurant business, a field in which she has worked for 38 years.

Montalto started out working at a luncheonette—Mary Jo's—with its owner and chef, her grandmother. She cooked with her grandmother and worked behind the counter. She held on to her grandmother's recipes, collected others from friends, and eventually compiled them into a cookbook called *Recipes Without Reservations.*

The concept behind Everyday Gourmet to Go is simple and appealing—salads, soups, main dishes, sides, and desserts are prepared fresh daily, then sold by weight or in meal-sized portions. Reheating instructions (time and temperature) are included. Customers can see what is on the daily menu (or order ahead), assemble their meal from start to finish, and get it to go. There is no dine-in service, but everything is only a few minutes from being table-ready at home.

"I had the idea," says Montalto, "that in a hectic world, people needed an alternative to fast food." She figured that people wanted home-cooked fare, but it had to be the kind that could go "from oven to table in less than one hour."

The plan is working, but Montalto discovered an unforeseen clientele. She assumed that she would get a lot of her business from younger families and people stopping on the way home from work. She noticed she was also getting a good trade from older people, who buy several days' worth of food at a time. "They want food they are used to," she says.

Montalto's culinary background, in Canada and in south Florida, included her family's traditions (Italian), and exposure to Polish, Hungarian and other ethnic cooking styles. There are glimpses of this on the menu at Everyday Gourmet to Go.

The shop (formerly a pizza place) has shelves on one side displaying oils, vinegars, sauces, honey, pickles and crackers. There's also beer and wine, some kitchen-themed gifts, and boxed foods and mixes. The other side is devoted to cases of prepared food.

Behind the cases is a blackboard of what's available. In the rear of the shop is a tiny office, the kitchen, fridge and walk-in freezer. Maximum use is made of the space, for Montalto and her staff of around six to prepare and box the food. Montalto said her day usually begins around 8 a.m., when she arrives just as the cleaning person is leaving. Her organization is informal—"more like family"—and staff members do a multitude of tasks. She still cooks.

Selection varies daily, and there are also holiday specials. The day of this interview, the cold case was stocked with crab cakes, cabbage rolls, stuffed baked potatoes, lasagna, meatloaf, enchiladas, Brussels sprouts, glazed carrots, roasted potatoes, shepherd's pie, crunchy garlic shrimp, a reuben braid, and assorted salads, sandwiches and sides. A separate blackboard listed additional entrees including jambalaya, beef stroganoff, sherried shrimp, and turkey, and a long list of sides. The desserts got a separate space.

Montalto gifted me with a sampler selection to go—a cabbage roll, meatball, spinach lasagna rollup, kale and quinoa salad, bread pudding, and berry tart. She carefully packed and boxed everything—including a hard sauce for the pudding—attaching reheating instruction stickers on each oven-ready foil box.

The meaty cabbage roll reminded me of food I used to get growing up in Dayton, Ohio. The meatball was big enough to share, and rollups are a great way to serve lasagna. The salad was pleasantly bittersweet, with tangy pomegranate seeds and candied nuts. The bread pudding was enough for three people.

"We've steadily been growing," says Montalto, "seeing where the niches are."

Everyday Gourmet to Go is located at 421-A Racetrack Road NE in Fort Walton Beach. The phone number is 850-737-2080. Hours are Monday through Friday from 11.a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We've Got the Traveling Brews

By Joni Williams



We just stayed at what was the absolute worst hotel, ever. Honestly, we've always had good luck with hotel rooms, probably because we book based on a chain's reputation or a friend's enthusiastic recommendation. This room had the benefit of both, plus another biggie.

It was pet friendly, important since it's one of the few times we've been brave enough to travel with the pooch. You know, the one with severe separation anxiety. (Even now we wonder…what the #@*$ were we thinking?)

So there we were in this vile motel room with a dog that would hysterically freak out if we so much as tiptoed out to the ice machine, which we unfortunately had to do after a seemingly mild injury caused our mouth to swell to Donald Duck-like proportions.



The only good thing about having a massively swollen, black and blue bill (which also gave us a lovely lisp, like Sylvester the Cat) was that by looking and sounding like a freaky hybrid of two cartoon characters, we could scare away any shady characters lurking at the even shadier motel. Of course, a yelping dog in the throes of a nervous breakdown is also a good deterrent, even if he is only 15 pounds.

You would think such a trying trip would give anyone in their right mind a case of the traveling blues. But we've got a case of the traveling brews. Actually, just a six-pack and a growler. As we set out for the Interstate, we wisely stopped at a few places and picked up a some brewskis to enjoy during our stay at what we now know is the hotel from hell.

One place that we're getting to like more and more is Crestview's Tom Thumb Liquor Store, just south of I-10. This time around, we decided to check out their growlers. The draft choices were downright delectable and included their biggest seller, the super smooth **Green Man** English-style porter. It's earthy yet sweet, creamy and raisin-y with a shy wisp of chocolate. Though it's hearty, it's still a good choice even as the warmer months arrive, simply because it tastes so good. If you love a good porter, this one's a must.

The biggest surprise of the lineup was NOLA Brewing's **7th Street Wheat Lemon Basil Beer**—as insanely tasty as it was light and refreshing. Keep in mind, we dislike most summer shandies or other lemony brews, but this one had a natural, almost clean taste with just the right hint of basil.

The "it" citrus right now, though, is blood orange. In keeping with the trend, Tom Thumb taps Funky Buddha's **More Morro Blood Orange Ale,** with its grapefruit hops giving the prized Morro fruit a zinger of a boost. The end result is an interesting, top-notch brew that wisely doesn't overdo the pucker power.

Our choice for a take-along growler, though, was Highland's **Black Mocha Stout.** While it's true that even some diehard hopheads aren't as crazy for stouts as we are, this one is fine enough to win new fans. It's incredibly smooth. And though full-flavored and robust, its almost creamy taste makes it easy to drink.

It's worth noting that Tom Thumb's growler is cute. Though made of glass, it's shaped like a brown moonshine jug and comes sealed with tape in an effort to prevent buyers from unwittingly violating Florida's open container laws. They also offer an oversized steel container that not only keeps cold beverages cold but also hot ones hot. Pretty nifty.

The taps are rotated. Right now they're offering one of our faves, Oyster City's **Brown Ale** as well as an IPA by the notoriously excellent brewer Sierra Nevada. If we would have known what a stressful trip lay ahead, we may have gotten one of each.

For our next three-day jaunt, we've already made arrangements for a doggie sitter and booked a sunny Hilton property. We may get a case of the traveling brews again, or we may just hit the hotel bar. Either way, after our trip to the Hell Hotel, it's sure to feel like heaven.

Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at **chris@beachcomberdestin.com!**

AMERICAN

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THE DONUT HOLE Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

THE DONUT HOLE 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

THE DONUT HOLE 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. **www.tommymattonies.com.**

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – DESTIN Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts in a fun filled family atmosphere since 1982. Family entertainment is offered nightly with **The Fudnominals** interactive dance team, and Teen Night is held every Thursday and Friday. Download the Fud app for daily deals on food, drinks and merchandise. 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, across from Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-654-4200 or visit us at **www.fudpucker.com.**

HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" **www.hogsbreath.com/destin.**

CATERING

BIG RED TRUCK Specializing in private events and full service catering. 850-737-1185. **www.destinfoodtrucks.com.**

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, $4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, $5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. $8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, $4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008.
www.theredbar.com.

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. $5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

FOOD TRUCKS

BIG RED TRUCK Gulf to table certified seafood, fresh fish tacos, high end comfort food on the move. We specialize in private events and full service catering. Daily specials and locations on Facebook. 850-737-1185. **www.destinfoodtrucks.com.**

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a..-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, **georgesatalysbeach.net.**

IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, $4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. **www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.**

ITALIAN

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great

selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, $4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy $7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, **lacocina30a.net.**

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. $15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com.**

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. $4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

PIZZA & PASTA

CRUST PIZZERIA We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. **destincrustpizzeria.com**.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. **www.LandsharksPizza.com.**

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. $4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

REDBRICK PIZZA Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fhazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SEAFOOD

THE BACK PORCH Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. **www.theback-porch.com.** 850-837-2022.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. $5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.



GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. **info@emeraldgrande.com.**

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. **info@harryts.co.**

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. **www.localcatch30a.com.**

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. $4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. $3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE'S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you'll find us on the left side. **www.pompano-joes.com**. 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah,** our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com.**

STINKY'S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 p.m. 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

STEAKS

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB OF DESTIN One of America's Great Steak Houses. Feasting, Imbibery and Debauchery. We are known for great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 a.m. to 1:45 a.m. seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, **www.mcguiresirishpub.com.**

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 p.m. in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 p.m. For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit **www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.**

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com.**

SEAGAR'S PRIME STEAKS & SEAFOOD The area's first AAA 4-Diamond restaurant specializing in the finest prime beef and freshest seafood available. Private dining facilities and wine room with more than 800 labels. Features tableside preparations and live piano nightly. Reservations recommended. 622-1500. $10-50, 4000 Sandestin Blvd., at the Hilton Sandestin. **www.SeagarsDestin.com**

SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30'04.250N and 87'02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. **www.jackacudas.com.**

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR 34745 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-4688.

OSAKA SUSHI ROCKS It's the little Sushi house on the Lagoon. Osaka Sushi Rocks offers an extensive list of sushi, sashimi, and rolls, both classic and regional specialties. Friendly,

FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is

"How can we be sure we're getting fresh seafood?"

That's an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as "fresh" and imported seafood is sold as "local." According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

Harbor Docks has been selling fish through its wholesale market since 1981. We sell to markets across the United States and Canada. We also sell to select restaurants along the Gulf Coast. Harbor Docks contracts with over 100 commercial boats to insure that we have an adequate supply of fresh fish.

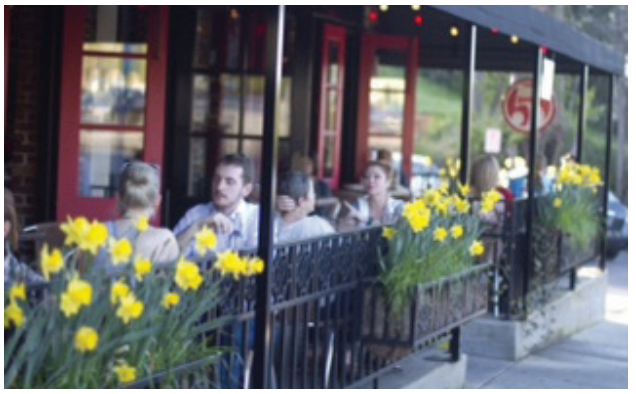
We invite you to dine at our restaurants – Harbor Docks, in the heart of Destin, and Camille's, overlooking the Gulf in Crystal Beach. But we'd also encourage you to try any of the wonderful, independent, local restaurants in our area that are committed to serving Florida seafood. We know who they are, because we sell them their fish.

HARBOR DOCKS
SEAFOOD & COCKTAILS

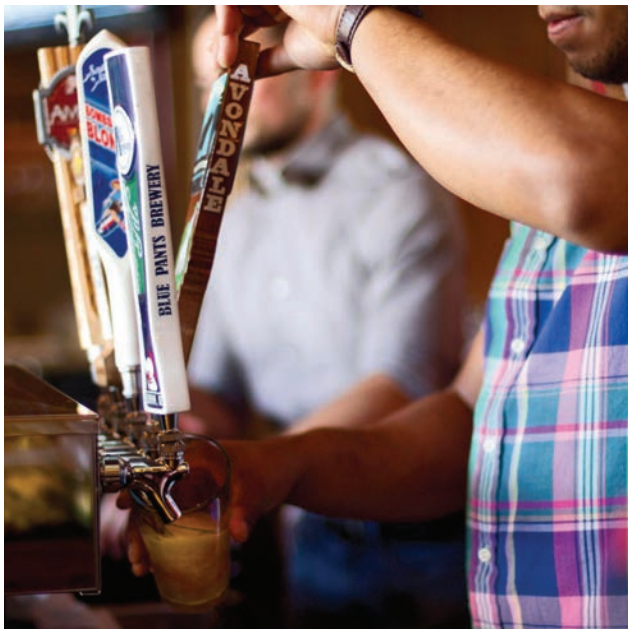
Check our website to find out which restaurants sell certified Gulf-to-Table fish from Harbor Docks Seafood Market.

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Imported seafood stat: http://www.fishwatch.gov/farmed_seafood/outside_the_us.htm
Tilapia/pig feces: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-11/asian-seafood-raised-on-pig-feces-approved-for-u-s-consumers.html















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TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, **lacrematapas.com.**

WATERFRONT DINING

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JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. **www.margaritavilledestin.com.**

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy's own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 a.m. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu's Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). **www.lulubuffett.com/destin.**

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by *The Beachcomber,* Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; happy hour Tue.-Sat., 3-6 p.m.; dinner Tue.-Sat., 4:30-8:30 p.m. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 4:30-6 p.m. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com.**

WINE BARS

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR Tucked away in Seaside's bustling Central Square, 45 Central offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere perfect for unwinding after a busy vacation day or a long day at work. Over 45 different wines available by the glass, bottle or case. Exclusive vintages sold by the glass using Coravin Wine Technology. Small plates of seasonal and regional pairings created daily by award-winning chef and owner **Jim Shirley**. Check us out online for wine classes, events and specials at **fortyfivecentral.com**. 45 Central Square, Seaside, 850-231-4545. Open 2 p.m.-midnight seven days a week.

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** *immediately!*

THE BEACH HOUSE
4009 S. Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach
850-608-6300
RelaxDrinkEat.com
When: 4-7 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: $4 house wine, $3 well drinks, $2 off select apps, and $1 off all draft beers.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-7417
When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
Drink Specials: $4 house margaritas, $3 well drinks and house wine, $3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

CAMILLE'S CAFE
2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
When: 6-8 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: $1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.
Drink Specials: Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR
45 Central Square, Seaside
850-231-4545
fortyfivecentral.com
When: 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.
Drink Specials: Half off wine by the glass, $1 off beer.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL
20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
850-654-4200
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis $4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch $5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL
1318 Miracle Strip Parkway, Okaloosa Island
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis $4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch $5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.



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GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

HOG'S BREATH SALOON
541 Harbor Blvd., Destin
850-837-5991
When: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to close, Mon.-Fri.
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ZUMBA!

By Paula Hilton

"Are you AAAAWWAAAAAAAAKE?!?" our exuberant Zumba instructor screamed over the loud booming dance music permeating the room.

"YEEEEEEESSSSSSS!" 40 people screamed back, while gyrating wildly to the music.

That's how I start my weekends.

About two years ago, my oldest daughter discovered a Zumba class at a nearby church. After going to the class alone for a couple of weeks, she suggested I go, too. I had recently experienced a traumatic loss that left me weeping in my front room every night, so I decided maybe getting out of the house would be a good idea.

But I was a little hesitant about Zumba. I was 59 years old, not a dancer and certainly not fit. But the thought of hanging around my house continuing to do nothing but feel sorry for myself wasn't all that appealing either. So I went. And then went again. Then I found another class to take. Then another. I was hooked.

Zumba Fitness started in the mid-'90s when choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez in Cali, Colombia, realized he had forgotten his aerobics class music. He quickly improvised by using the merengue and salsa tapes he had in his backpack. The members loved it, and thus Zumba was born. It includes aerobic movements and dance, performed to energetic music. Choreography includes soca, hip-hop, salsa, samba, mambo, lunges, squats and merengue. Did I mention body-rolls, fist-pumps and booty-shakes?



My instructor, Amy Kon, tells me she has been active in sports and exercise her whole life. She started teaching Step Aerobics in the '90s, but then found Zumba in 2009 and fell in love with it. She became licensed and started teaching Zumba in 2011, and in the past six years has taught in Honolulu and Fort Walton Beach. I take her Saturday 9:30 a.m. class as well as her Monday 5:45 p.m. class at PASARDA on Industrial Road in Fort Walton Beach.

My other instructor, Sundy Keichel, teaches Thursday nights at the First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach. Sundy started Zumba in 2009 when her neighbor invited her to try a class with her at Holloman AFB. She loved it and attended as many classes as she could. And when an instructor needed a sub and asked if she was interested in teaching, she thought, "Why not?" She became licensed in April 2010 and has been teaching ever since.

It's no mystery there are plenty of health benefits from Zumba, including weight loss and improved coordination and endurance, but it's also a mood booster and confidence builder. Where else can you wear hot pink shoes, turquoise leggings, a bright coral sports bra and a purple tank top? And if you don't think bright colors and learning to twerk doesn't boost your confidence, you haven't been to Zumba!

Both Amy and Sundy know how to whip me and *both* of my daughters into shape. We attend all three classes together weekly, and while I admittedly can't always keep up with them, it's certainly fun trying.

I highly recommend it for anyone looking for a form of exercise that is fun and effective. As of 2015, there were about 14 million Zumba students in 186 countries. Now, at 61 and 40 pounds lighter, I am proud my daughters and I are part of that 14 million.

The only remaining mystery is how do Amy and Sundy look so beautiful and refreshed after class while the rest of us are panting, sweating hot messes? Maybe it was part of their training!



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